

1-1 By: Eissler (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 2263
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2009;
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 11, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 11, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to extending the high school innovation grant initiative
1-9 to middle and junior high schools.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 39.115, Education Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 39.115. [~~HIGH SCHOOL~~] INNOVATION GRANT INITIATIVE FOR
1-14 MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUSES.

1-15 SECTION 2. Sections 39.115(a), (b), and (d), Education
1-16 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-17 (a) From funds appropriated for that purpose, the
1-18 commissioner may establish a grant program under which grants are
1-19 awarded to middle, junior high, and high school [~~secondary~~]
1-20 campuses and school districts to support:

1-21 (1) the implementation of innovative [~~high school~~]
1-22 improvement programs that are based on the best available research
1-23 regarding middle, junior high, or high school reform, dropout
1-24 prevention, and preparing students for postsecondary coursework or
1-25 employment;

1-26 (2) enhancing education practices that have been
1-27 demonstrated by significant evidence of effectiveness; and

1-28 (3) the alignment of grants and programs to the
1-29 strategic plan adopted under Section 39.357.

1-30 (b) Before awarding a grant under this section, the
1-31 commissioner may require a campus or school district to:

1-32 (1) obtain local matching funds; or

1-33 (2) meet other conditions, including developing a
1-34 personal graduation plan under Section 28.0212 for each student
1-35 enrolled at the campus or in a district middle, junior high, or high
1-36 school.

1-37 (d) The commissioner may use funds appropriated under this
1-38 section to support technical assistance services for school
1-39 districts and open-enrollment charter schools to implement an [~~a~~
1-40 ~~high school~~] improvement program under this section.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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