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H.B. No. 2479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to best practices for public school student dropout prevention and recovery.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.0091. BEST PRACTICES FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY. In conjunction with the online clearinghouse of best practices information established under Section 7.009, the agency shall establish a dropout prevention assistance center to:

(1) identify successful or promising school district, campus, or open-enrollment charter school dropout prevention and recovery programs;

(2) collect and analyze performance data regarding programs described by Subdivision (1);

(3) identify strategies or components common to programs described by Subdivision (1);

(4) disseminate to school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers information concerning programs described by Subdivision (1) through conferences, publications, toolkits, and posting to the online clearinghouse established under Section 7.009;

(5) work in conjunction with regional education service centers to create needs assessments for districts and

1 open-enrollment charter schools that are interested in determining
2 which best practices for dropout prevention or recovery would be
3 most appropriate for the district or charter school;

4 (6) identify programs described by Subdivision (1)
5 that educators or other employees of a school district,
6 open-enrollment charter school, and regional education service
7 center could visit and establish procedures for such learning
8 visits; and

9 (7) develop or collect and provide information for
10 districts and open-enrollment charter schools interested in
11 implementing a specific best practice for dropout prevention or
12 recovery, including research concerning the efficacy of the
13 practice and costs associated with and other resources needed for
14 implementing the practice.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.