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H.B. No. 3882

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a program at the University of
3 North Texas to provide financial incentives to certain students who
4 agree to teach bilingual education, English as a second language,
5 or Spanish in certain public schools.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 105, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 105.205 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 105.205. FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO PREPARE
10 TEACHERS IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, AND
11 SPANISH. The University of North Texas shall establish and
12 administer a program to provide financial incentives such as
13 tuition assistance or student loan repayment to students at
14 institutions of higher education in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who:

15 (1) agree to:

16 (A) enroll in educator preparation programs at
17 the University of North Texas; and

18 (B) obtain, within the period prescribed by the
19 university, certification to teach bilingual education, English as
20 a second language, or Spanish;

21 (2) accept, during the first school year that begins
22 after the date the student becomes certified, an offer of full-time
23 employment to teach bilingual education, English as a second
24 language, or Spanish in a public elementary or secondary school in

1 the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and

2 (3) teach bilingual education, English as a second
3 language, or Spanish at that school for at least two school years.

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