

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1501  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2009; March 17, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural  
1-4 Affairs; April 20, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 20, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the eligibility of nonprofit organizations that partner  
1-9 with certain schools to receive grants for agricultural projects.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 48.001, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 48.001. CREATION. (a) Consistent with this chapter,  
1-14 the department by rule shall develop a program to award grants to  
1-15 public elementary and middle schools located in large urban school  
1-16 districts for the purpose of establishing:

- 1-17 (1) demonstration agricultural projects; or  
1-18 (2) other projects designed to foster an understanding  
1-19 and awareness of agriculture.

1-20 (b) The department may award a grant under Subsection (a) to  
1-21 a nonprofit organization that partners with a school described by  
1-22 Subsection (a) to establish a project described by Subsection (a)  
1-23 at the school.

1-24 SECTION 2. Section 48.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 48.002. ELIGIBILITY. Subject to available funds, a  
1-27 public elementary or middle school, or a nonprofit organization  
1-28 that partners with the school, is eligible to receive a grant under  
1-29 this chapter if the school:

1-30 (1) is located in a school district with an enrollment  
1-31 of at least 49,000 students; and

1-32 (2) submits to the department, at the time and in the  
1-33 form required by the department, a proposal for a demonstration  
1-34 agricultural project that includes:

- 1-35 (A) a description of the proposed project;  
1-36 (B) a schedule of projected costs for the  
1-37 project; ~~and~~

1-38 (C) a statement of the educational benefits of  
1-39 the project, including how the project will improve understanding  
1-40 of agriculture; and

1-41 (D) if a nonprofit organization is applying for  
1-42 the grant, a statement from the school that the nonprofit  
1-43 organization is partnering with the school.

1-44 SECTION 3. Section 48.004, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-45 read as follows:

1-46 Sec. 48.004. REPORT. A school or nonprofit organization  
1-47 that receives a grant under this chapter must report the results of  
1-48 the project to the department in a manner determined by the  
1-49 department.

1-50 SECTION 4. Section 48.003, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

1-51 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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