

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1726
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 15, 2009,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-5 April 15, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to best practices for public school student dropout
1-9 prevention and recovery.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 7.0091 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 7.0091. BEST PRACTICES FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION AND
1-14 RECOVERY. In conjunction with the online clearinghouse of best
1-15 practices information established under Section 7.009, the agency
1-16 shall establish a dropout prevention assistance center to:

1-17 (1) identify successful or promising school district,
1-18 campus, or open-enrollment charter school dropout prevention and
1-19 recovery programs;

1-20 (2) collect and analyze performance data regarding
1-21 programs described by Subdivision (1);

1-22 (3) identify strategies or components common to
1-23 programs described by Subdivision (1);

1-24 (4) disseminate to school districts, open-enrollment
1-25 charter schools, and regional education service centers
1-26 information concerning programs described by Subdivision (1)
1-27 through conferences, publications, toolkits, and posting to the
1-28 online clearinghouse established under Section 7.009;

1-29 (5) work in conjunction with regional education
1-30 service centers to create needs assessments for districts and
1-31 open-enrollment charter schools that are interested in determining
1-32 which best practices for dropout prevention or recovery would be
1-33 most appropriate for the district or charter school;

1-34 (6) identify programs described by Subdivision (1)
1-35 that educators or other employees of a school district,
1-36 open-enrollment charter school, and regional education service
1-37 center could visit and establish procedures for such learning
1-38 visits; and

1-39 (7) develop or collect and provide information for
1-40 districts and open-enrollment charter schools interested in
1-41 implementing a specific best practice for dropout prevention or
1-42 recovery, including research concerning the efficacy of the
1-43 practice and costs associated with and other resources needed for
1-44 implementing the practice.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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