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S.B. No. 2308

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of discretionary funds raised by public school campuses.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 44, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 44.908 to read as follows:

Sec. 44.908. USE OF CAMPUS DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. (a) In this section, "campus discretionary funds" means money raised at a public school campus through vending machines or other sources specifically associated with the campus.

(b) Campus discretionary funds may be used only to:

(1) directly benefit the general welfare and educational development and morale of students enrolled at the campus; or

(2) provide professional development for campus educators, including teachers, administrators, counselors, and librarians, that:

(A) deepens and broadens knowledge of content;

(B) provides a strong foundation in the pedagogy of particular disciplines;

(C) provides knowledge about the teaching and learning processes;

(D) is based on and reflects the best available research;

1           (E) is aligned with the standards and curriculum  
2 used in the school district;

3           (F) contributes to measurable improvement in  
4 student achievement;

5           (G) deepens and broadens knowledge and  
6 understanding of strategies needed to promote college and career  
7 readiness; and

8           (H) provides opportunities to build proficiency  
9 in data-driven decision-making.

10          (c) Subject to Subsection (b), the board of trustees of the  
11 district has authority over the specific use of campus  
12 discretionary funds.

13          SECTION 2. Section 44.908, Education Code, as added by this  
14 Act, applies to any expenditure of campus discretionary funds that  
15 occurs on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of the  
16 date on which the funds were raised.

17          SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.