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H.B. No. 2139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an Adopt-A-Library program and state employee charitable contributions to the program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 441.0085 to read as follows:

Sec. 441.0085. ADOPT-A-LIBRARY PROGRAM. (a) The commission may establish or may assist other state agencies or organizations in the establishment of an Adopt-A-Library program to encourage investment in and donations to public libraries in this state.

(b) The commission may use any cash, gift, grant, donation, or in-kind contribution that it receives from a public or private entity through the Adopt-A-Library program to assist the commission or public libraries in this state in the establishment, provision, improvement, or expansion of library services.

(c) The commission shall provide information about the Adopt-A-Library program on the commission's Internet website.

(d) The commission may adopt rules reasonably necessary to perform its duties under this section.

(e) For purposes of Subchapter I, Chapter 659:

(1) the Adopt-A-Library program is considered an eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in the state employee charitable campaign; and

(2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a

1 deduction for contributions to the Adopt-A-Library program as a  
2 charitable contribution under Section 659.132.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.