

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2139
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2011;
1-3 April 29, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Government Organization; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the establishment of an Adopt-A-Library program and
1-9 state employee charitable contributions to the program.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 441, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 441.0085 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 441.0085. ADOPT-A-LIBRARY PROGRAM. (a) The commission
1-14 may establish or may assist other state agencies or organizations
1-15 in the establishment of an Adopt-A-Library program to encourage
1-16 investment in and donations to public libraries in this state.

1-17 (b) The commission may use any cash, gift, grant, donation,
1-18 or in-kind contribution that it receives from a public or private
1-19 entity through the Adopt-A-Library program to assist the commission
1-20 or public libraries in this state in the establishment, provision,
1-21 improvement, or expansion of library services.

1-22 (c) The commission shall provide information about the
1-23 Adopt-A-Library program on the commission's Internet website.

1-24 (d) The commission may adopt rules reasonably necessary to
1-25 perform its duties under this section.

1-26 (e) For purposes of Subchapter I, Chapter 659:

1-27 (1) the Adopt-A-Library program is considered an
1-28 eligible charitable organization entitled to participate in the
1-29 state employee charitable campaign; and

1-30 (2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a
1-31 deduction for contributions to the Adopt-A-Library program as a
1-32 charitable contribution under Section 659.132.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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