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H.B. No. 2748

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to grants to student clubs for dropout prevention.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.095(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commissioner may award a grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 in a school year to a school district on behalf of a student club at a district high school campus with a student population at least 50 percent of which are students at risk of dropping out of school [~~that is eligible under the criteria established under Section 39.408~~]. To be eligible for a grant, the student club and the club's sponsor must be sanctioned by the campus and district. A grant awarded under this program must be matched by other federal, state, or local funds, including donations, in an amount equal to the amount of the grant. A district shall seek donations or sponsorships from local businesses or community organizations to raise the matching funds. The commissioner may award a grant on behalf of more than one student club at a campus in the same school year.

SECTION 2. Section 39.408, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39.408. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN GRANT PROGRAMS. A school district or campus is eligible to participate in programs under Sections 21.4541, [~~29.095,~~] 29.096, 29.097, and

1 29.098 if the district or campus exhibited during each of the three
2 preceding school years characteristics that strongly correlate
3 with high dropout rates.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.