

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 199  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 9, 2010; January 31, 2011,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Rural  
1-4 Affairs; March 17, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 3, Nays 0; March 17, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to agricultural projects in certain schools, including the  
1-9 eligibility of nonprofit organizations that partner with schools to  
1-10 receive grants.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 48.001, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 48.001. CREATION. (a) Consistent with this chapter,  
1-15 the department by rule shall develop a program to award grants to  
1-16 public elementary and middle schools located in large urban school  
1-17 districts for the purpose of establishing:

1-18 (1) demonstration agricultural projects; or

1-19 (2) other projects designed to foster an understanding  
1-20 and awareness of agriculture.

1-21 (b) The department may award a grant under this chapter to a  
1-22 nonprofit organization that partners with a school described by  
1-23 Subsection (a) to establish a project described by Subsection (a)  
1-24 at the school.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 48.002, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 48.002. ELIGIBILITY. Subject to available funds, a  
1-28 public elementary or middle school, or a nonprofit organization  
1-29 that partners with the school, is eligible to receive a grant under  
1-30 this chapter if the school:

1-31 (1) is located in a school district with an enrollment  
1-32 of at least 49,000 students; and

1-33 (2) submits to the department, at the time and in the  
1-34 form required by the department, a proposal for a demonstration  
1-35 agricultural project that includes:

1-36 (A) a description of the proposed project;

1-37 (B) a schedule of projected costs for the  
1-38 project; ~~and~~

1-39 (C) a statement of the educational benefits of  
1-40 the project, including how the project will improve understanding  
1-41 of agriculture; and

1-42 (D) if a nonprofit organization is applying for  
1-43 the grant, a statement from the school that the nonprofit  
1-44 organization is partnering with the school.

1-45 SECTION 3. Section 48.004, Agriculture Code, is amended to  
1-46 read as follows:

1-47 Sec. 48.004. REPORT. A school or nonprofit organization  
1-48 that receives a grant under this chapter must report the results of  
1-49 the project to the department in a manner determined by the  
1-50 department.

1-51 SECTION 4. Section 48.003, Agriculture Code, is repealed.

1-52 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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