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S.B. No. 784

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to librarians employed by school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.023. CERTIFIED LIBRARIAN. (a) A school district with any district campus at which 500 or more students are enrolled may employ for each elementary school in the district a librarian certified under the rules of the State Board for Educator Certification. A district may employ for every 500 elementary school students enrolled in the district at least one librarian certified under the rules of the State Board for Educator Certification.

(b) To the extent practicable, a school district without any district campus at which at least 500 students are enrolled shall provide the services of a librarian to elementary school students by:

(1) employing a part-time librarian certified under the rules of the State Board for Educator Certification;

(2) employing a part-time teacher certified as a librarian under the rules of the State Board for Educator Certification; or

(3) entering into a shared services arrangement agreement with one or more other school districts to share a

1 librarian certified under the rules of the State Board for Educator  
2 Certification.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.