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S.B. No. 1139

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of and report on public and private out-of-school time programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.9181 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.9181. STUDY OF AND REPORT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS. (a) In this section, "out-of-school time program" means a community-based or school-based program designed to provide a wide range of services and activities, including counseling, mentoring, career exploration, academic assistance, and sports and recreation, to children and youth before and after school and on weekends.

(b) The agency shall conduct a study of public and private out-of-school time programs in this state to determine:

(1) the number of children served by a public or private out-of-school time program;

(2) the number and location of children who could benefit from but are not served by an out-of-school time program;

(3) federal, state, and local funding sources and amounts that currently support out-of-school time programs;

(4) the extent of any effect of out-of-school time programs on reducing the dropout rate and improving academic performance; and

1           (5) the best practices for out-of-school time programs  
2 to achieve a reduction in the dropout rate and improvement in  
3 academic performance.

4           (c) The agency may solicit and accept a gift, grant, or  
5 donation from any source, including a foundation or private entity,  
6 for the study. The study may be conducted only if sufficient funds  
7 are available under this subsection for that purpose.

8           (d) Not later than December 1, 2012, the agency shall submit  
9 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
10 of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative  
11 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and  
12 secondary education a written report that contains the results of  
13 the study.

14           (e) This section expires December 31, 2012.

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