

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee report) in Article III of the bill immediately following the appropriations to the Texas Education Agency by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

_____. Texas Fitness Now Grant Program Study. Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, the Texas Education Agency shall contract with an external entity to study and evaluate the effectiveness of the Texas Fitness Now grant program. The Texas Education Agency shall provide the external entity conducting the study with all individual-level physical assessment data provided to the agency for all school years under Section 38.103, Education Code, for all schools participating in the Texas Fitness Now grant program and all schools not participating in the program. The evaluation of the Texas Fitness Now grant program should be designed to estimate what causal effect the Texas Fitness Now grant program has on all the fitness measures collected in the school physical assessment data provided by the Texas Education Agency, including body mass index and the number of overweight and obese students. To estimate the causal effect of the physical assessments required under Section 38.101, Education Code, the evaluation of the Texas Fitness Now grant program should use a regression-discontinuity design that focuses on the differences between schools at which at least 70 percent but not more than 80 percent of students are economically disadvantaged.