

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 65
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2012; January 28, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 March 20, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 20, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Patrick	X		
1-9	Lucio	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Duncan	X		
1-12	Paxton	X		
1-13	Seliger	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		
1-15	Van de Putte	X		
1-16	West	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a program to recognize public schools with successful
1-20 student health and fitness programs.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 38.027 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 38.027. HEALTHY SCHOOLS RECOGNITION PROGRAM. (a) The
1-25 commissioner shall establish a healthy schools recognition program
1-26 under which schools are recognized for successfully implementing
1-27 programs that encourage student health and fitness.

1-28 (b) A school may apply to the commissioner for recognition
1-29 as a gold, silver, or bronze healthy school. The commissioner shall
1-30 determine whether a school qualifies for recognition and the level
1-31 for which the school qualifies based on:

1-32 (1) improvement in the results of the physical fitness
1-33 assessment instrument administered under Subchapter C;

1-34 (2) implementation of a coordinated health program
1-35 under Section 38.014, if the school applying for recognition is an
1-36 elementary school, middle school, or junior high school;

1-37 (3) the involvement of the local school health
1-38 advisory council established under Section 28.004;

1-39 (4) compliance with student minimum physical activity
1-40 requirements under Section 28.002(1);

1-41 (5) recent recognition, by a public or private entity
1-42 approved for the purpose by the commissioner, for successfully
1-43 implementing a program that encourages student health or fitness;
1-44 and

1-45 (6) any other criteria adopted by the commissioner.

1-46 (c) The commissioner may establish partnerships with
1-47 private and nonprofit entities to provide monetary and in-kind
1-48 rewards to schools that receive recognition under the program as a
1-49 healthy school.

1-50 (d) The commissioner may solicit and accept a gift, grant,
1-51 or donation from any source for the development or implementation
1-52 of the program. Only a gift, grant, or donation may be used to fund
1-53 development or implementation of the program.

1-54 (e) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to
1-55 implement this section.

1-56 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
1-57 school year.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-61 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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