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S.B. No. 885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to bonuses for teachers of students who perform  
3 successfully on college advanced placement tests and international  
4 baccalaureate examinations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.053, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsections (d), (e), and (f) and adding Subsection (d-1)  
8 to read as follows:

9 (d) In addition to any portion of a school award distributed  
10 to the teacher in accordance with a plan developed under Subsection  
11 (c), a [A] teacher participating in the program:

12 (1) may be awarded:

13 (A) [~~(1)~~] subsidized teacher training, not to  
14 exceed \$450 for each teacher, for a college advanced placement  
15 course or an international baccalaureate course; and

16 (B) [~~(2)~~] a one-time award of \$250 for teaching a  
17 college advanced placement course or an international  
18 baccalaureate course for the first time; and

19 (2) shall be awarded a bonus in the amount specified by  
20 Subsection (d-1) for each student in a college advanced placement  
21 course or international baccalaureate course taught by the teacher  
22 who performs at the level specified by Subsection (a)(2) on a  
23 college advanced placement test or international baccalaureate  
24 examination

1           ~~[(3) a share of the teacher bonus pool, which shall be~~  
2 ~~distributed by the teacher's school in shares proportional to the~~  
3 ~~number of courses taught].~~

4           (d-1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a  
5 teacher shall be awarded a bonus under Subsection (d)(2) of \$50 for  
6 each of the teacher's students who performs at the level specified  
7 by Subsection (a)(2), not to exceed a total bonus of \$2,000 each  
8 year. A teacher who provides instruction at a campus with an  
9 unacceptable performance rating under Section 39.054 shall be  
10 awarded a bonus of \$500 for the first student who performs at the  
11 required level and \$50 for each additional student who performs at  
12 that level, not to exceed a total bonus of \$2,000 each year.

13           (e) To be eligible for an award under Subsection (d) or (f),  
14 a teacher must teach a college advanced placement course or an  
15 international baccalaureate course.

16           (f) From the school awards authorized under Subsection  
17 (a)(2), \$50 [Fifty dollars] may be deposited in the teacher bonus  
18 pool for each student enrolled in the school who [that] scores a  
19 three or better on a college advanced placement test or four or  
20 better on an international baccalaureate examination. Any money  
21 placed in the teacher bonus pool shall be distributed by the  
22 teacher's school to teachers participating in the program in shares  
23 proportional to the number of courses taught.

24           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.