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H.B. No. 3959

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of the Texas youth livestock show  
3 grant program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Title 3, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding  
6 Chapter 50E to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 50E. TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW GRANT PROGRAM

8 Sec. 50E.001. TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW GRANT PROGRAM.

9 (a) The office of the governor shall establish and administer the  
10 Texas youth livestock show grant program. The office of the  
11 governor shall:

12 (1) establish grant eligibility requirements, subject  
13 to Subsection (c);

14 (2) establish a grant application process; and

15 (3) encourage participation from livestock shows of  
16 varying sizes, types of entries, and needs.

17 (b) Grants under this section may be used only to provide  
18 financial assistance to youth livestock shows in this state.

19 (c) A youth livestock show is eligible for a grant under  
20 this section if the livestock show is part of a county or state  
21 youth livestock validation program and has Texas 4-H and Texas FFA  
22 engagement or sanction.

23 Sec. 50E.002. TEXAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW FUND. (a) The  
24 Texas youth livestock show fund is an account in the general revenue

1 fund administered by the office of the governor. Money in the  
2 account may be used only by the office of the governor to provide  
3 grants under Section 50E.001 and to promote and encourage donations  
4 to the fund. Not more than 10 percent of the money in the account  
5 may be used to promote and encourage donations to the fund.

6 (b) The Texas youth livestock show fund consists of:

7 (1) gifts, grants, including federal grants, and other  
8 donations received for the fund;

9 (2) interest earned on the investment of money in the  
10 fund;

11 (3) any money appropriated to the fund by the  
12 legislature; and

13 (4) money received from the federal government that  
14 may be used for a purpose described by Subsection (a) and that is  
15 transferred or deposited to the credit of the fund by the  
16 legislature.

17 (c) The office of the governor may accept grants, gifts, or  
18 donations from any source that are made for the purposes of this  
19 chapter. Money received under this subsection shall be deposited  
20 in the Texas youth livestock show fund.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.