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S.B. No. 822

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a grant program for school districts or open-enrollment charter school campuses that are designated as full-service community schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.910 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.910. GRANT PROGRAM FOR FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS. (a) From funds appropriated or otherwise available for that purpose, the commissioner shall establish a program to provide grants to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools with campuses designated by the commissioner as full-service community schools.

(b) The commissioner may designate a school district or open-enrollment charter school campus as a full-service community school if the campus provides comprehensive academic, social, and health services for students, students' family members, and community members that result in improved educational outcomes. Services provided by a campus may include:

(1) high-quality early learning programs and services;

(2) compensatory and remedial education services, aligned with academic supports and other enrichment activities to provide students with a comprehensive academic program;

1 (3) family engagement, including parental
2 involvement, parental leadership, family literacy, and parent
3 education programs;

4 (4) mentoring and other youth development programs;

5 (5) community service and service learning
6 opportunities;

7 (6) programs that provide assistance to students who
8 have:

9 (A) been chronically absent;

10 (B) engaged in truant behavior; or

11 (C) been suspended or expelled;

12 (7) job training and career counseling services;

13 (8) nutrition services and physical activities;

14 (9) primary health and dental care services;

15 (10) mental health services;

16 (11) activities that improve access to and use of
17 social service programs;

18 (12) programs that promote family financial
19 stability; and

20 (13) adult education programs, including programs for
21 providing instruction in English as a second language to adults.

22 (c) The commissioner may solicit and accept gifts, grants,
23 and donations from any public or private source for the purposes of
24 this section.

25 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
26 establish and administer the grant program for full-service
27 community schools under this section.

1 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2 of this Act, the Texas Education Agency shall adopt rules for the
3 administration of Section 33.910, Education Code, as added by this
4 Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.