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S.B. No. 1586

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a grant program to provide certain public school students an opportunity to visit the State Capitol.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 7, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.919 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.919. GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE CAPITOL VISITS. (a) From funds appropriated or otherwise available for that purpose, the commissioner shall establish a grant program under which grants are awarded to schools that receive federal funding under Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.) to provide students an opportunity to visit the State Capitol as part of a course, extracurricular activity, or field trip.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt procedures for a school to apply for a grant under this section.

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

(d) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to establish and administer the grant program for State Capitol visits under this section.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the commissioner of education shall adopt rules to

1 implement the grant program for State Capitol visits under Section
2 29.919, Education Code, as added by this Act.

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