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S.B. No. 1759

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a Texas history grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.0205 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.0205. TEXAS HISTORY AWARD AND GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall create and administer a program for awarding grants to nonprofit entities for the purpose of promoting educational engagement with the history of this state. The grants must be awarded annually to a nonprofit that:

(1) hosts a statewide Texas history competition for school-aged students; and

(2) publishes works on Texas history by students or faculty members.

(b) The commission shall establish procedures to administer the grant program, including procedures for applying for a grant under this subsection. The commission shall enter into a contract that includes performance requirements with each grant recipient. The commission shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract.

(c) In addition to funds appropriated for the purposes of this section, the commission may solicit gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source for the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. The Texas Historical Commission shall establish

1 the procedures for applying for a grant under Section 442.0205,
2 Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than October 1,
3 2023.

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