

AN ACT

relating to the administration of Texas governor's schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.124, Education Code, is transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, redesignated as Section 61.07621, Education Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.07621 [~~29.124~~]. TEXAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS. (a) [~~In this section, "public senior college or university" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.~~

~~(b)~~ A Texas governor's school is a summer residential program for high-achieving high school students. A governor's school program may include any or all of the following educational curricula:

- (1) mathematics and science;
- (2) humanities;
- (3) fine arts; or
- (4) ~~(3)~~ leadership and public policy.

(b) ~~(c)~~ A public senior college or university may apply to the board [~~commissioner~~] to administer a Texas governor's school program under this section. The board [~~commissioner~~] shall give preference to a public senior college or university that applies in cooperation with a nonprofit association. The board [~~commissioner~~] shall give additional preference if the nonprofit association receives private foundation funds that may be used to finance the

1 program.

2 (c) [~~(d)~~] The board [~~commissioner~~] may approve an  
3 application under this section only if the applicant:

4 (1) applies within the period and in the manner  
5 required by rule adopted by the board [~~commissioner~~];

6 (2) submits a program proposal that includes:

7 (A) a curriculum consistent with Subsection (a)  
8 [~~(b)~~];

9 (B) criteria for selecting students to  
10 participate in the program;

11 (C) a statement of the length of the program,  
12 which must be at least three weeks; and

13 (D) a statement of the location of the program;

14 (3) agrees to use a grant under this section only for  
15 the purpose of administering a program; and

16 (4) satisfies any other requirements established by  
17 rule adopted by the board [~~commissioner~~].

18 (d) The criteria described by Subsection (c)(2)(B) must  
19 include grade point average, academic standing, and  
20 extracurricular activities.

21 (e) From funds appropriated to the board [~~agency~~], the board  
22 [~~commissioner~~] may make a grant in an amount not to exceed \$750,000  
23 each year to public senior colleges or universities whose  
24 applications are approved under this section to pay the costs of  
25 administering a Texas governor's school program.

26 (f) The board [~~commissioner~~] may adopt other rules  
27 necessary to implement this section.

1 SECTION 2. (a) On the effective date of this Act:

2 (1) all functions, activities, rules, forms, money,  
3 property, contracts, memoranda of understanding, records, and  
4 obligations of the commissioner of education or the Texas Education  
5 Agency relating to Texas governor's schools under Section 29.124,  
6 Education Code, become functions, activities, rules, forms, money,  
7 property, contracts, memoranda of understanding, records, and  
8 obligations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under  
9 Section 61.07621, Education Code, as added by this Act, without a  
10 change in status; and

11 (2) all money appropriated to the Texas Education  
12 Agency under Section 29.124, Education Code, including money for  
13 providing administrative support, is considered appropriated to  
14 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Section  
15 61.07621, Education Code, as added by this Act.

16 (b) A rule adopted by the commissioner of education under  
17 Section 29.124, Education Code, is also a rule of the Texas Higher  
18 Education Coordinating Board under Section 61.07621, Education  
19 Code, as added by this Act, and remains in effect as a rule of the  
20 coordinating board until repealed or superseded by a rule adopted  
21 by the coordinating board.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1748 was passed by the House on April 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1748 on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1748 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor