

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 935
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 20, 2015,
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 20, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 935 By: Kolkhorst

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the establishment of a reading excellence team pilot
 1-23 program.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 28.0061 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 28.0061. READING EXCELLENCE TEAM PILOT PROGRAM.

1-28 (a) Using funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner
 1-29 shall establish a reading excellence team pilot program in
 1-30 accordance with this section.

1-31 (b) A school district is eligible to participate in the
 1-32 pilot program if, as determined by the commissioner, the district
 1-33 has low student performance on:

1-34 (1) a reading instrument administered in accordance
 1-35 with Section 28.006(c); or

1-36 (2) a third grade reading assessment instrument
 1-37 administered under Section 39.023(a).

1-38 (c) The pilot program must:

1-39 (1) establish reading excellence teams composed of
 1-40 reading instruction specialists;

1-41 (2) allow an eligible school district to request the
 1-42 assistance of a reading excellence team; and

1-43 (3) provide a reading excellence team to a requesting
 1-44 eligible school district to:

1-45 (A) review with the district the results of the
 1-46 assessments described under Subsection (b) to determine campuses
 1-47 and classrooms for kindergarten through third grade with the
 1-48 greatest need of assistance; and

1-49 (B) work with teachers on campuses and in
 1-50 classrooms identified under Paragraph (A) to provide training
 1-51 necessary to improve student reading outcomes.

1-52 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer this
 1-53 section, including rules establishing qualifications and criteria
 1-54 for selecting reading instruction specialists for a reading
 1-55 excellence team.

1-56 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

1-57 SECTION 2. The commissioner of education shall establish
 1-58 the pilot program under Section 28.0061, Education Code, as added
 1-59 by this Act, not later than September 1, 2016.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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