

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 519
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 2, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 March 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	King	X		
1-9	Sparks	X		
1-10	Alvarado	X		
1-11	Johnson	X		
1-12	Schwertner	X		

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the creation of a grant program to promote educational
1-16 engagement with Texas history.

1-17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-18 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is
1-19 amended by adding Section 442.0205 to read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 442.0205. TEXAS HISTORY GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The
1-21 commission shall create and administer a grant program to support
1-22 the purpose of promoting educational engagement with the history of
1-23 this state. Subject to Subsection (b), the grants must be awarded
1-24 annually to nonprofit entities that:

1-25 (1) host a statewide Texas history competition for
1-26 school-aged students; and

1-27 (2) publish works on Texas history written by students
1-28 or faculty members.

1-29 (b) The commission shall establish procedures to administer
1-30 the grant program, including procedures for applying for a grant
1-31 under this section. The commission shall enter into a contract that
1-32 includes performance requirements with each grant recipient. The
1-33 commission shall monitor and enforce the terms of the contract.

1-34 (c) In addition to funds appropriated by the legislature,
1-35 the commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations
1-36 from any public or private source for the purpose of awarding grants
1-37 under this section.

1-38 SECTION 2. The Texas Historical Commission shall establish
1-39 the procedures for applying for a grant under Section 442.0205,
1-40 Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than October 1,
1-41 2025.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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