

CHAPTER 63

H.B. No. 45

AN ACT

relating to public school foreign language programs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 11.27(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Innovative programs that may be approved under this section include, but are not limited to, programs relating to:

- (1) school year restructuring;
- (2) alternative learning environments;
- (3) parental literacy;
- (4) decentralization of organizational decisions;
- (5) instructional technology;
- (6) student and parental choice among public schools;
- (7) child care;
- (8) early childhood education;
- (9) an extended school day;
- (10) teacher and administrator development;
- (11) continuous progress education;
- (12) student-teacher ratios below 22:1 in elementary grades;
- (13) use of elementary school guidance counselors, social workers, and other personnel in successful dropout prevention programs;
- (14) career development for students;
- (15) bilingual training;
- (16) the generation of more effective parental involvement with the schools;
- (17) school-age latch-key children;
- (18) volunteer efforts with the private sector;
- (19) coordination of school activities with community health and human services programs and other community resources;
- (20) magnet schools;
- (21) interdisciplinary curriculum;
- (22) peer tutoring;
- (23) counseling of families of at-risk students; [and]
- (24) comprehensive coordination with health and human service delivery systems; *and*

(25) foreign language education with priority given to elementary and middle school programs.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on April 21, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 2, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.