

CHAPTER 210

H.B. No. 872

AN ACT

relating to child care for public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 21.932(c) and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The district shall effectively publicize the hearings and hold all the hearings before the start of the school year. The *Work and Family Policies Clearinghouse in the Texas Employment Commission* [~~Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs~~], not later than May 1 of each year, shall distribute to each school district described in Subsection (b) of this section information that describes model school-age child care programs and explains how a school district may obtain funds through the federal Dependent Care Development Grant program or other grant programs [~~that are administered by the department of housing and community affairs~~]. A school district shall distribute the information received from the *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] to the public at a hearing.

(d) The school child care services fund is established in the state treasury. The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund, of transfers made under Subsection (e) of this section, and of gifts, grants, or donations to the fund. The *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations for that purpose. The fund shall be used to pay the costs of implementing school-age child care before and after the school day and during school holidays and vacations for a school district's school-age students. Eligible use of funds shall include planning, development, establishment, expansion, or improvement of child care services and reasonable start-up costs. The *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] shall administer the fund with the advice of the Central Education Agency. The *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] by rule shall establish procedures and eligibility requirements for distributing money from the fund. Subject to the eligibility requirements established by rule, the *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] may distribute money from the fund to any school district. The *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] may distribute money appropriated from the fund to pay all or part of the fees charged for providing services to students who have been identified as potential dropouts. The *clearinghouse* [~~department of housing and community affairs~~] shall assist school districts in the development and evaluation of child care services.

SECTION 2. (a) Any records in the custody of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs on September 1, 1993, for the purpose of administering duties under Section 21.932, Education Code, and any personnel or property in the department's custody on that date primarily for the purpose of administering duties under that section are transferred to the Work and Family Policies Clearinghouse.

(b) Any appropriations for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 1995, made to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the purpose of administering duties under Section 21.932, Education Code, are transferred to the Work and Family Policies Clearinghouse for the same purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 4. 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.

Passed by the House on April 1, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 12, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.