

CHAPTER 183

S.B. No. 454

AN ACT

relating to the expansion of the Communities in Schools program.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (e) and (f), Section 11-D, Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Article 5221b-9d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(e) An elementary or secondary school shall participate in the program if the number of students enrolled in the school who are at risk of dropping out of school is equal to at least 10 percent of the number of students in average daily attendance at the school, as determined by the Central Education Agency, and the school is:

(1) located in a county *or city* in which the program is established on September 1, 1993 [1991], and is designated to participate in the program under Subsection (f) of this article; or

(2) located in one of *six* [four] additional counties *or cities* designated by the state coordinator.

(f) The state coordinator in cooperation with the program directors in the counties *or cities* in which the program is established on September 1, 1993 [1991], shall *designate the original campuses for continuance in the program and* designate not more than 135 additional [32] elementary [schools] and [76] secondary schools in those counties *or cities* to participate in the program. The state coordinator in cooperation with the program directors in the *six* [four] additional counties *or cities* designated by the state coordinator shall designate additional elementary and secondary schools to participate in the program. Secondary school programs must be distributed among high schools and junior high or middle schools.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

(b) Each elementary and secondary school designated to begin participation in the Communities in Schools program under Subsection (f), Section 11-D, Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Article 5221b-9d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by this Act, shall begin participation in the program not later than September 1, 1995. The state coordinator shall designate six additional counties *or cities* for participation in the program under Subsection (e), Section 11-D, Texas Unemployment Compensation Act (Article 5221b-9d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by this Act, not later than September 1, 1995.

(c) This Act will not require an appropriation in excess of the Communities in Schools program's current level of general revenue funding unless new revenue measures are implemented to provide a state budget surplus sufficient to fund the expansion of Communities in Schools. If no surplus general revenue is available, funding for expansion of Communities in Schools programs as provided in this Act shall be accomplished by setting aside \$10.7 million in the first year and \$14.8 million in the second year of the biennium from funds allocated under Section 16.152, Education Code.

SECTION 3. 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 the Senate on March 15, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 6, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.