

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The Seaborne Conservation Corps (SCC) is a preventive 17½ month volunteer program for non-adjudicated, drug-free 16 to 18 year old high school drop-outs. SCC teaches, mentors, develops, prepares, and serves Texas teens in an austere, structural military environment on board a Navy barge on the campus of the Texas A&M at Galveston campus. Graduates of the program receive a GED, life training skills and career counseling. S.B. 1747 would authorize SCC to be eligible for annual daily attendance funding.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1747 funds the Seaborne Conservation Corps or similar a program at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 87C, Education Code, by adding Section 87.207, as follows:

Sec. 87.207. SEABORNE CONSERVATION CORPS. Provides that a program that is similar to the Seaborne Conservation Corps is entitled, for each student enrolled, to allotments from the Foundation School Program under Chapter 42 as if the program were a school district, except that the program has a local share applied that is equivalent to the local fund assignment of the school district in which the principal facilities of the program are located, if the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System (board) administers the program as it was administered by the board during the 1998-1999 school year.

SECTION 2. Provides that funding under Section 87.207, Education Code, added by this Act, for program coverage by that section applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.