

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Environmental Education Partnership (TEEP) Fund, the Texas Environmental Education Partnership trust fund (TEEP trust fund), and the TEEP Fund Board were established in 1999 to raise money from a diversity of resources to pay for the development, implementation, and continued operation of environmental education projects and activities. These projects, activities, and programs were to include scholarships for educators for professional development in the area of environmental education as well as support of efforts to ensure that textbooks treat environmental issues with a balanced approach and explain the underlying scientific principles.

The TEEP Fund Board has been unable to raise these funds and promote environmental education in the manner intended. As a result, dissolving the TEEP fund, the TEEP trust fund and the TEEP Fund Board is necessary. This bill repeals the statute that created and governed operation of the TEEP Fund, the TEEP trust fund and TEEP Fund Board.

H.B. 2748 abolishes the Texas Environmental Education Partnership Fund.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Chapter 105 (S.B. 1746), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 2654-3g, V.T.C.S.) (Texas Environmental Education Partnership; Fund Creation and Administration, V.T.C.S.).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.