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H.B. No. 186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the costs of educating educationally disadvantaged students and students of limited English proficiency in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.067 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.067. STUDY REGARDING COSTS OF EDUCATING EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS AND STUDENTS OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY; REPORT. (a) The agency shall conduct a study to examine the costs of educating a student who is educationally disadvantaged and a student of limited English proficiency in public schools. The study must:

(1) determine whether the compensatory education allotment under Section 42.152 provides adequate funding to schools for meeting the educational needs of students who are educationally disadvantaged;

(2) if it is determined under Subdivision (1) that the compensatory education allotment is inadequate, determine the amount of adjustment for the compensatory education allotment that would provide adequate funding to schools for meeting the educational needs of students who are educationally disadvantaged;

(3) determine whether the bilingual education allotment under Section 42.153 provides adequate funding to schools

1 for meeting the educational needs of students of limited English
2 proficiency; and

3 (4) if it is determined under Subdivision (3) that the
4 bilingual education allotment is inadequate, determine the amount
5 of adjustment for the bilingual education allotment that would
6 provide adequate funding to schools for meeting the educational
7 needs of students of limited English proficiency.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2018, the agency shall prepare
9 a report detailing the results of the study under this section and
10 submit the report to each standing legislative committee with
11 primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education.

12 (c) This section expires September 1, 2018.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.