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H.B. No. 779

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring a school district to reimburse classroom
3 teachers at certain grade levels for the cost of classroom supplies
4 purchased with personal money.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 21.416 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 21.416. CLASSROOM SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT. (a) A school
9 district shall reimburse each classroom teacher employed by the
10 district who teaches students enrolled at or below the ninth grade
11 level up to \$250 per school year for the cost of classroom supplies
12 purchased by the teacher with the teacher's personal money for the
13 benefit of those students.

14 (b) A classroom teacher may be reimbursed under the
15 classroom supply reimbursement program established under Section
16 21.414 for the cost of purchases eligible for reimbursement under
17 that section for which the teacher is not reimbursed under
18 Subsection (a).

19 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
20 school year.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.