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H.B. No. 3889

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the cost for certain public school students of a
3 broadband Internet access program offered by the Texas Education
4 Agency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 32.004, Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 32.004. FEES. Except as provided by Section 32.037,
9 the [The] State Board of Education, on the commissioner's
10 recommendation, may establish a reasonable fee for services
11 provided under this chapter.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Education Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 32.037 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 32.037. BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM. (a) If the
15 agency establishes a program that provides broadband Internet
16 access to public school students, the agency may not require a
17 student who is educationally disadvantaged to pay any fees or costs
18 for the program.

19 (b) The agency shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
20 this section.

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.