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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.