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S.B. No. 241

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to permissible uses of the instructional materials and
3 technology allotment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.0211(c), Education Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) Subject to Subsection (d), funds allotted under this
8 section may be used to:

9 (1) purchase:

10 (A) materials on the list adopted by the
11 commissioner, as provided by Section 31.0231;

12 (B) instructional materials, regardless of
13 whether the instructional materials are on the list adopted under
14 Section 31.024;

15 (C) consumable instructional materials,
16 including workbooks;

17 (D) instructional materials for use in bilingual
18 education classes, as provided by Section 31.029;

19 (E) instructional materials for use in college
20 preparatory courses under Section 28.014, as provided by Section
21 31.031;

22 (F) supplemental instructional materials, as
23 provided by Section 31.035;

24 (G) state-developed open education resource

1 instructional materials, as provided by Subchapter B-1;

2 (H) instructional materials and technological
3 equipment under any continuing contracts of the district in effect
4 on September 1, 2011;

5 (I) technological equipment necessary to support
6 the use of materials included on the list adopted by the
7 commissioner under Section 31.0231 or any instructional materials
8 purchased with an allotment under this section; and

9 (J) inventory software or systems for storing,
10 managing, and accessing instructional materials and analyzing the
11 usage and effectiveness of the instructional materials; and

12 (2) pay:

13 (A) for training educational personnel directly
14 involved in student learning in the appropriate use of
15 instructional materials and for providing for access to
16 technological equipment for instructional use; ~~and~~

17 (B) the salary and other expenses of an employee
18 who provides technical support for the use of technological
19 equipment directly involved in student learning; and

20 (C) for costs associated with distance learning,
21 including Wi-Fi, Internet access hotspots, wireless network
22 service, broadband service, and other services and technological
23 equipment necessary to facilitate Internet access.

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
25 school year.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.