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H.B. No. 1614

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility for free prekindergarten programs in public schools of certain children who are eligible for the subsidized child-care program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.153, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), any child who is at least three years of age is eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten class under this section if:

(1) the class is provided through a partnership between a school district or open-enrollment charter school and a community-based child-care provider described by Subsection (g);
and

(2) the child is eligible for subsidized child-care services provided through the child-care services program administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

SECTION 2. Section 29.153(b-1), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.