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H.B. No. 4135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a statewide literacy improvement plan for public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.937 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.937. STATEWIDE LITERACY IMPROVEMENT PLAN. (a) The agency shall develop a statewide plan for improving literacy among public school students in partnership with one or more organizations, such as Literacy First, that provide tutoring services, one-to-one literacy interventions, teacher and staff training, instructional coaching, and other supports related to improving literacy in early grades.

(b) In developing the plan under Subsection (a), the agency shall include:

(1) a draft budget for implementation of the plan; and  
(2) a strategy that provides for a staggered implementation of the plan that begins in schools identified by the agency as having the most need for literacy improvement and is gradually expanded to each school district and open-enrollment charter school in the state.

SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency shall develop the statewide literacy improvement plan under Section 29.937, Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable and not

1 later than September 1, 2024.

2           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.