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H.B. No. 4716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the referral of certain students receiving special
3 education services to a local intellectual and developmental
4 disability authority for services or public benefits.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 29.025 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.025. REFERRAL TO LOCAL INTELLECTUAL AND
9 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AUTHORITY. A school district shall refer
10 each student receiving special education services under this
11 subchapter who has or is suspected to have an intellectual or
12 developmental disability to a local intellectual and developmental
13 disability authority for services or public benefits, including
14 services under a Medicaid waiver program established under Section
15 1915(c), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c)).

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
17 school year.

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