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H.B. No. 4716

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. 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 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.