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H.B. No. 128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the teachers' classroom supply savings account program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4145 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4145. TEACHERS' CLASSROOM SUPPLY SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM. (a) The comptroller shall establish and administer a teachers' classroom supply savings account program through which, each school year, the comptroller provides to each eligible teacher a grant of \$1,000 to purchase classroom supplies.

(b) In administering the program, the comptroller shall maintain a system of online accounts to provide access to the grant described by Subsection (a) to an eligible teacher.

(c) A teacher is eligible to participate in the program if the teacher is:

(1) employed by a school district or open-enrollment charter school to teach not less than an average of four hours each day in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology instructional setting; and

(2) certified under Subchapter B.

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a teacher may spend grant money only on classroom supplies to be used by the teacher or the teacher's students at the school district or

1 open-enrollment charter school at which the teacher is employed as
2 described by Subsection (c)(1).

3 (e) The comptroller shall adopt rules to establish a process
4 by which any grant money remaining in a teacher's account at the end
5 of a school year may be rolled over for use by the teacher during the
6 following school year for:

7 (1) the purchase of classroom supplies as described by
8 Subsection (d); or

9 (2) any costs associated with the teacher's
10 professional development.

11 (f) A teacher participating in the program shall retain the
12 receipt for each purchase made using grant money until the second
13 anniversary of the date of purchase.

14 (g) The comptroller shall adopt rules as necessary to
15 implement this section.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2026-2027
17 school year.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
19 last day of the legislative session.