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H.B. No. 667

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a halal food option for breakfast and lunch programs provided by certain public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 33, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 33.911 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.911. HALAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH OPTION. (a) In this section, "halal" has the meaning assigned by Section 17.881, Business & Commerce Code.

(b) This section applies only to a school district or open-enrollment charter school that is wholly or partly located in a county:

(1) with a population of 2.1 million or more; or

(2) that is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (1).

(c) On request by a student or the parent or person standing in parental relation to the student, a school district or open-enrollment charter school to which this section applies shall provide a halal option to the student for any breakfast or lunch program provided by the district or school.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026 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

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.