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H.B. No. 725

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the permissible uses of the bilingual education  
3 allotment provided under the Foundation School Program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 48.105(b), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (b) At least 55 percent of the funds allocated under this  
8 section must be used in providing bilingual education or special  
9 language programs under Subchapter B, Chapter 29. A district's  
10 bilingual education or special language allocation may be used only  
11 for program and student evaluation, instructional materials and  
12 equipment, staff development, supplemental staff expenses,  
13 salaries [~~salary supplements~~] for teachers, incremental costs  
14 associated with providing smaller class sizes, and other supplies  
15 required for quality instruction.

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