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S.B. No. 349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring public schools to make reasonable accommodations for lactating students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.044 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.044. ACCOMMODATIONS FOR LACTATING STUDENTS. The board of trustees of each school district, the governing boards of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf, and the governing body of each open-enrollment charter school shall provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student enrolled at the middle or high school level to enable the student to:

(1) express breast milk;

(2) breast-feed an infant child; and

(3) address other needs related to breast-feeding.

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 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, 2025.