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S.B. No. 15

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of state and local tax revenues to pay student
3 expenses at private schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 4, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 4.004 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 4.004. USE OF TAX REVENUES FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL EXPENSES
8 PROHIBITED. (a) To ensure that the state has sufficient funds to
9 provide a public education system as required by Section 1, Article
10 VII, Texas Constitution, and Section 4.003 and that the public
11 education system has sufficient funds to meet the mission,
12 objectives, and academic goals specified by Sections 4.001 and
13 4.002, state or local tax revenues may not be used, directly or
14 indirectly, to pay for any portion of a student's tuition, fees, or
15 other expenses at a private elementary or secondary school.

16 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), state funds may be used
17 to pay administrative costs under Section 31.028(c).

18 SECTION 2. 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 on the 91st day after the last day of the
23 legislative session.