

Amend HB 5 on third reading as follows:

(1) Insert the following new sections, appropriately numbered:

SECTION ____ . Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.413 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.413. CLASSROOM SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The commissioner shall establish a reimbursement program under which the commissioner provides funds to a school district for the purpose of reimbursing classroom teachers in the district who expend personal funds on classroom supplies. A school district must match any funds provided to the district under the reimbursement program with local funds to be used for the same purpose.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules for the local allocation of funds provided to a school district under the reimbursement program. A school district shall allow each classroom teacher in the district who is reimbursed under the reimbursement program to use the funds in the teacher's discretion, except that the funds must be used for the benefit of the district's students. A school district may not use funds received under the reimbursement program to replace local funds used by the district for the same purpose.

(c) The commissioner shall identify state and federal funds available for use under the reimbursement program, including funds subject to the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 (20 U.S.C. Section 5891a et seq.), and its subsequent amendments, as well as consolidated administrative funds.

(d) The commissioner shall establish the reimbursement program for implementation beginning not later than the 2005-2006 school year. The commissioner may implement the reimbursement program only if funds are specifically appropriated by the legislature for the program or if the commissioner identifies available funds, other than general revenue funds, that may be used for the program.

SECTION ____ . The commissioner of education shall adopt rules and establish the classroom supply reimbursement program as required by Section 21.413, Education Code, as added by this Act,

not later than August 1, 2005.

(2) Renumber the sections of the bill and correct the cross-references on the following pages and lines accordingly:

- (A) page 3, line 19;
- (B) page 4, lines 2 and 15; and
- (C) page 5, line 8.