

Amend **CSSB 1** (House Committee Printing) in Article III of the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Education Agency, by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

____. PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CERTIFICATION TO TEACH BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, OR SPANISH. From funds appropriated above that may be used for instruction or educator training or support in bilingual education, English as a second language, or Spanish, the Texas Education Agency, in consultation with the affected institutions of higher education, shall develop and operate a program to assist students enrolled at institutions of higher education in educator preparation programs in bilingual education, English as a second language, or Spanish by providing financial incentives, such as tuition assistance and loan forgiveness, to encourage those students to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a second language, or Spanish.