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S.B. No. 113

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 113:

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C.S.S.B. No. 113

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain foster care children to attend prekindergarten classes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.153(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A child is eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten class under this section if the child is at least three years of age and ~~[is]~~:

(1) is unable to speak and comprehend the English language;

(2) is educationally disadvantaged;

(3) is a homeless child, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a ~~[11302]~~, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child;

(4) is the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; ~~[or]~~

(5) is the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or

1           (6) is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the  
2 Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary  
3 hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.

4           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
5 school year.

6           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.