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S.B. No. 335

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility to attend prekindergarten classes of a  
3 child under the care of a grandparent who has been appointed  
4 managing conservator of the child.

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

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

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

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

13 (2) is educationally disadvantaged;

14 (3) is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section  
15 11302, regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of  
16 the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful  
17 control of the child;

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

22 (5) is the child of a member of the armed forces of the  
23 United States, including the state military forces or a reserve  
24 component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while

1 serving on active duty; or

2 (6) primarily resides with a grandparent who has been  
3 appointed managing conservator of the child by court order.

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.