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H.B. No. 33

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing for efficient government resource allocation.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 42 Education Code is amended by adding a new section as follows:

Sec. 42.502. Taxpayer Savings Grant Program. Any parent or legal guardian of a school-age child who resides in Texas and is entering kindergarten or attended a public school for all of the academic year prior their participation in this program, who is willing to help the State of Texas save money by accepting less than the average per-pupil maintenance and operations expenditure in the district in which they reside, may receive reimbursement from the state for tuition paid for enrollment of said child at a private school in the amount of actual tuition or sixty percent of the state average per-pupil maintenance and operations expenditure, whichever is less, and the gratitude of the State of Texas.

Section 2. Within 45 days of the passage of this Act, the Comptroller shall adopt rules solely to effectuate reimbursement and prevent fraud in financial transactions under this program. Such rules shall include the method for counting Taxpayer Savings Grant students in the Foundation School Program and the consequent savings therefrom. No funds from the Available School Fund shall be used for Taxpayer Savings Grants.

1 Section 3. This act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39. Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the votes necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.