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H.B. No. 133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a full-day prekindergarten program provided by public school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.153, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A prekindergarten class under this section shall be operated on a full ~~half~~-day basis. A district is not required to provide transportation for a prekindergarten class, but transportation, if provided, is included for funding purposes as part of the regular transportation system.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.1511 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.1511. FULL-DAY PREKINDERGARTEN ALLOTMENT. For each student in average daily attendance in a full-day prekindergarten program under Subchapter E-1, Chapter 29, a district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by 0.2.

SECTION 3. Section 25.112(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, a school district may not enroll more than 22 students in a kindergarten, first, second, third, or fourth grade class or 18 students in a prekindergarten class. That limitation does not apply during:

1           (1) any 12-week period of the school year selected by  
2 the district, in the case of a district whose average daily  
3 attendance is adjusted under Section 42.005(c); or

4           (2) the last 12 weeks of any school year in the case of  
5 any other district.

6           SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2014-2015  
7 school year.

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