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H.B. No. 1771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to an appropriation of money from the economic  
3 stabilization fund to the foundation school fund for grants to  
4 school districts for the purchase of equipment for career and  
5 technology education courses.

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

7 SECTION 1. The amount of \$250 million is appropriated from  
8 the economic stabilization fund to the foundation school fund for  
9 use by the commissioner of education to make grants to school  
10 districts in accordance with this Act and commissioner rule during  
11 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2013, for the  
12 purchase of equipment, including technical equipment, for career  
13 and technology education courses.

14 SECTION 2. From among school districts that apply in the  
15 time and manner established by the commissioner of education for a  
16 grant of money under this Act for the purchase of equipment, the  
17 commissioner shall select those school districts that best meet the  
18 criteria adopted for the purpose by the commissioner. The criteria  
19 must include:

- 20 (1) a school district's need for the equipment;  
21 (2) a school district's ability to pay for the  
22 equipment without the grant; and  
23 (3) the utility of the equipment in a career and  
24 technology education course that is helpful to students in

1 obtaining industry certification.

2           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013, but only  
3 if it receives a vote of two-thirds of the members present in each  
4 house of the legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article  
5 III, Texas Constitution.