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H.B. No. 256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to compensatory education allotment funding.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.152, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (b-1) and (c-3) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), for [~~For~~] purposes of this section, the number of educationally disadvantaged students is determined:

(1) by averaging the best six months' numbers of students eligible for enrollment in the national school lunch program of free or reduced-price lunches for the preceding school year; or

(2) in the manner provided by commissioner rule [~~, if no campus in the district participated in the national school lunch program of free or reduced-price lunches during the preceding school year~~].

(b-1) A student receiving a full-time virtual education through the state virtual school network is not included in determining the number of educationally disadvantaged students under Subsection (b).

(c-3) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), funds allocated under this section may be used to:

(1) provide child-care services or assistance with

1 child-care expenses for students at risk of dropping out of school,
2 as defined by Section 29.081(d)(5); or
3 (2) pay the costs associated with services provided
4 through a life skills program in accordance with Sections
5 29.085(b)(1) and (3)-(7).

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.