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H.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing free full-day prekindergarten for certain children.

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

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

(c) A prekindergarten class under this section shall be operated on a full-day [~~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. Section 29.1531(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A school district may offer on a tuition basis or use district funds to provide[+]

~~[(1) an additional half-day of prekindergarten classes to children eligible for classes under Section 29.153, and~~

~~[(2)]~~ half-day and full-day prekindergarten classes to children not eligible for classes under Section 29.153.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.