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H.B. No. 731

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a pilot program under the foundation school program for
3 funding prekindergarten programs provided by certain school
4 districts with early high school graduation programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 42.2527 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 42.2527. ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN DISTRICTS WITH EARLY
9 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRAMS. (a) As a pilot program to enable
10 the state to evaluate the benefit of providing additional funding
11 at the prekindergarten level for low-income students, the
12 commissioner shall provide prekindergarten funding in accordance
13 with this section to a school district located in a county that
14 borders the United Mexican States and the Gulf of Mexico.

15 (b) The commissioner shall provide funding for a school
16 district's prekindergarten program on a half-day basis for a number
17 of low-income prekindergarten students equal to twice the number of
18 students who received, as a result of participation in an early high
19 school graduation program operated by the district, a high school
20 diploma from the district during the preceding school year after
21 three years of secondary school attendance.

22 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement
23 this section.

24 (d) This section expires September 1, 2023.

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