

By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 2800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to permissible teachers assigned to a bilingual education
3 program and the permissible uses of the bilingual education
4 allotment provided under the foundation school program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 29.061, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-3) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-3), a [A] teacher
10 assigned to a bilingual education program must be appropriately
11 certified for bilingual education by the board.

12 (b-3) A school district may assign to a bilingual education
13 program a teacher certified for English as a second language for a
14 school year if:

15 (1) the commissioner has determined that there is a
16 shortage of teachers certified for bilingual education by the board
17 for the school year; and

18 (2) a teacher certified for bilingual education is not
19 reasonably available to the district.

20 SECTION 2. Section 42.153(c), Education Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (c) A district's bilingual education or special language
23 allocation may be used only for program and student evaluation,
24 instructional materials and equipment, staff development,

1 supplemental staff expenses, salary [~~supplements~~] for teachers,
2 and other supplies required for quality instruction and smaller
3 class size.

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

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.