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H.B. No. 2843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain school districts to offer district-funded or tuition-supported prekindergarten.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.1531, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) 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].~~

(a-1) Each school district that offers prekindergarten classes under Section 29.153 shall develop a system to notify the population in the district with children of prekindergarten age who are not eligible for enrollment in prekindergarten classes under Section 29.153 of the availability of prekindergarten classes. The district shall offer prekindergarten classes under this subsection using district funds or on a tuition basis. The district shall offer:

(1) half-day classes if the classes for children eligible under Section 29.153 are half-day classes; or

(2) full-day classes if the classes for children

1 eligible under Section 29.153 are full-day classes.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
3 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.