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S.B. No. 568

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a classroom visual aid stipend for public school classroom teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4141 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4141. STIPEND FOR CLASSROOM VISUAL AIDS. (a) Subject to Subsection (b), a school district shall provide to each classroom teacher a classroom visual aid stipend in the amount of \$50 each semester. A teacher may use a stipend under this section only to acquire visual aids for classroom instruction.

(b) This section applies only if a school district receives additional state aid under Section 42.25131.

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.25131 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.25131. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR CLASSROOM VISUAL AID STIPENDS. (a) To fund classroom visual aid stipends under Section 21.4141, a school district, including a school district that is otherwise ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled each school year to additional state aid in an amount equal to the product of \$100 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers employed by the district that school year.

(b) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.