

1-1 By: Huberty, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 357  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2017;  
 1-3 May 19, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2017, rereferred to Committee on Intergovernmental  
 1-5 Relations; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the eligibility of the children of certain first  
 1-19 responders for free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 29.153(b), Education Code, is amended to  
 1-22 read as follows:

1-23 (b) A child is eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten  
 1-24 class under this section if the child is at least three years of age  
 1-25 and:

1-26 (1) is unable to speak and comprehend the English  
 1-27 language;

1-28 (2) is educationally disadvantaged;

1-29 (3) is a homeless child, as defined by 42 U.S.C.  
 1-30 Section 11434a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either  
 1-31 parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person  
 1-32 having lawful control of the child;

1-33 (4) is the child of an active duty member of the armed  
 1-34 forces of the United States, including the state military forces or  
 1-35 a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active  
 1-36 duty by proper authority;

1-37 (5) is the child of a member of the armed forces of the  
 1-38 United States, including the state military forces or a reserve  
 1-39 component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while  
 1-40 serving on active duty; ~~or~~

1-41 (6) is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the  
 1-42 Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary  
 1-43 hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code; or

1-44 (7) is the child of a person eligible for the Star of  
 1-45 Texas Award as:

1-46 (A) a peace officer under Section 3106.002,  
 1-47 Government Code;

1-48 (B) a firefighter under Section 3106.003,  
 1-49 Government Code; or

1-50 (C) an emergency medical first responder under  
 1-51 Section 3106.004, Government Code.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
 1-53 school year.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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