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H.B. No. 413

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increased flexibility in the use of the Instructional
Materials Allotment

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.0211, Education Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Subject to Subsection (d), funds allotted under this
section may be used to:

(1) purchase:

(A) materials on the list adopted by the
commissioner, as provided by Section 31.0231;

(B) instructional materials, regardless of
whether the instructional materials are on the list adopted under
Section 31.024;

(C) consumable instructional materials,
including workbooks;

(D) instructional materials for use in bilingual
education classes, as provided by Section 31.029;

(E) instructional materials for use in college
preparatory courses under Section 28.014, as provided by Section
31.031;

(F) supplemental instructional materials, as
provided by Section 31.035;

(G) state-developed open-source instructional

materials, as provided by Subchapter B-1;

(H) instructional materials and technological equipment under any continuing contracts of the district in effect on September 1, 2011; and

(I) technological equipment necessary to support the use of materials included on the list adopted by the commissioner under Section 31.0231 or any instructional materials purchased with an allotment under this section; and

(2) pay:

(A) for training educational personnel directly involved in student learning and/or in the appropriate use of instructional materials and for providing for access to technological equipment for instructional use; and

(B) the salary and other expenses of an employee who is directly involved in student learning, staff involved in addressing the social-emotional health of students or provides technical support for the use of technological equipment directly involved in student learning.

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

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