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H.B. No. 2914

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to instruction in and an allotment for technology
3 applications courses in computer programming.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 21.0490 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.0490. COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM PROVIDER. (a) With
8 approval from the commissioner, a school district or
9 open-enrollment charter school may contract with a computer science
10 program provider to provide instruction in a technology
11 applications course in computer programming to students in grades
12 two through eight.

13 (b) An instructor employed through an approved computer
14 science program provider providing instruction to students in a
15 technology applications course in computer programming is not
16 required to hold a teaching certificate.

17 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
18 amended by adding Section 42.1543 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 42.1543. COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COURSE ALLOTMENT. (a)
20 For each student in average daily attendance in an approved
21 technology applications course in computer programming in grades
22 two through eight, a district is entitled to an annual allotment of
23 \$50.

24 (b) Funds allocated under this section must be used to

1 provide technology applications courses in computer programming to
2 students in grades two through eight.

3 SECTION 3. Not later than March 1, 2018, the State Board of
4 Education shall review and update the essential knowledge and
5 skills of the technology applications curriculums in grades two
6 through eight to ensure that the essential knowledge and skills
7 incorporate relevant standards for computer programming.

8 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
9 school year.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.