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H.B. No. 3331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain school districts to provide public school students with Internet connections and devices for home Internet access.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.181 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.181. STUDENT HOME INTERNET ACCESS. If the board of trustees of an independent school district adopts a policy that allows a teacher to post student homework on the Internet, the district must provide students reduced cost Internet connections and reduced cost or free devices related to Internet access to allow for Internet access at the student's home.

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.