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S.B. No. 247

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding sources for the repayment of certain speech-language pathologist and audiologist education loans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.9818, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.9818. PROGRAM FUNDING. The program may be funded ~~solely~~ from:

(1) gifts, grants, and donations solicited and accepted by the board for the purposes of this subchapter; and

(2) fees collected to cover the costs of administering programs or activities for speech-language pathologists and audiologists under Chapter 51, Occupations Code, in excess of the money required to pay the expenses for the administration of those programs or activities.

SECTION 2. Section 51.202, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Any money from fees collected by the department under this chapter to cover the costs of administering programs or activities for speech-language pathologists and audiologists that remains after payment of the expenses for the administration of those programs or activities may be used to fund the loan repayment program established under Subchapter II, Chapter 61, Education Code.

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