

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 247
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 18, 2016; January 30, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 1, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 2; May 1, 2017, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 Seliger | X | | | |
| 1-9 West | X | | | |
| 1-10 Bettencourt | | X | | |
| 1-11 Buckingham | | X | | |
| 1-12 Menéndez | X | | | |
| 1-13 Taylor of Galveston | X | | | |
| 1-14 Watson | X | | | |

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 247 By: Menéndez

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to funding sources for the repayment of certain
 1-20 speech-language pathologist and audiologist education loans.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 61.9818, Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 61.9818. PROGRAM FUNDING. (a) The program may be
 1-25 funded ~~[solely]~~ from:

1-26 (1) gifts, grants, and donations solicited and
 1-27 accepted by the board for the purposes of this subchapter; and

1-28 (2) a portion of the fees collected under Chapter 51,
 1-29 Occupations Code, as determined under Subsection (b).

1-30 (b) The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation by rule
 1-31 may, in consultation with the advisory board established under
 1-32 Subchapter C, Chapter 401, Occupations Code, provide that a portion
 1-33 of the fees collected under Chapter 51, Occupations Code, from
 1-34 persons regulated under Chapter 401, Occupations Code, may be
 1-35 allocated to fund the program, provided that the portion is in an
 1-36 amount that does not result in an increase in fees paid under
 1-37 Chapter 51, Occupations Code, by those persons.

1-38 SECTION 2. A rule adopted under Section 61.9818(b),
 1-39 Education Code, as added by this Act, may not take effect earlier
 1-40 than the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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