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S.B. No. 1116

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding the costs of educating students with disabilities in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.025. STUDY REGARDING COSTS OF EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES; REPORT. (a) The agency shall conduct a study to examine the costs of educating a student with disabilities under this subchapter, including an analysis of the different services provided. The study must:

(1) determine whether the special education allotment under Section 42.151 provides adequate funding to schools for meeting the educational needs of students with disabilities; and

(2) if it is determined under Subdivision (1) that the special education allotment is inadequate, determine the amount of adjustment for the special education allotment that would provide adequate funding to schools for meeting the educational needs of students with disabilities.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2018, the agency shall prepare a report detailing the results of the study under this section and electronically submit the report to each standing legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education.

1        (c) This section expires September 1, 2019.

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