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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. 1 (house committee printing) in Article III of  
2 the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Education  
3 Agency (page III-27), by adding the following appropriately  
4 numbered rider and renumbering subsequent riders accordingly:

5 \_\_\_\_\_. Voluntary Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program. (a) Out  
6 of the amounts appropriated in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide  
7 Educational Programs, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate  
8 \$2,000,000 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2021,  
9 for the commissioner of education to administer four in-home,  
10 technology-delivered school readiness pilot projects that include  
11 a parental involvement component, are delivered in English,  
12 Spanish, and other languages as needed, and are designed to  
13 increase access to early learning programming education and to  
14 improve the transition into elementary education, including  
15 content in reading, math, and science correlated to Texas  
16 Prekindergarten Guidelines. The pilot program must be offered to  
17 not less than 1,000 four-year-old students selected based on early  
18 learning needs in this state, including children residing in rural  
19 or remote areas, children who are educationally disadvantaged, and  
20 children of limited English proficiency. The pilot program must  
21 include evidence-based assessments provided by the Texas Education  
22 Agency or an independent qualified provider designed to measure  
23 student progress on domains that include early literacy, numeracy,  
24 and language.

25 (b) Funds allocated to the pilot program under this rider  
26 may fund the installation of computers and Internet service for  
27 pilot program participants who are educationally disadvantaged and  
28 reside in homes without a computer or Internet service.

29 (c) The commissioner of education shall issue a report to

- 1 the legislature evaluating the educational growth of children
- 2 participating in the pilot program.