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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing free full-day prekindergarten for certain children.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 29.153(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  A prekindergarten class under this section shall be operated on a full-day [~~half-day~~] basis. A district is not required to provide transportation for a prekindergarten class, but transportation, if provided, is included for funding purposes as part of the regular transportation system.

SECTION 2.  Section 29.1531(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A school district may offer on a tuition basis or use district funds to provide[~~:~~

[~~(1)  an additional half-day of prekindergarten classes to children eligible for classes under Section 29.153; and~~

[~~(2)~~]  half-day and full-day prekindergarten classes to children not eligible for classes under Section 29.153.

SECTION 3.  Section 29.166(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  A school district is eligible for full-day [~~half-day~~] funding under the Foundation School Program for each student who satisfies eligibility requirements under Section 29.153(b) and who is enrolled in a program class.

SECTION 4.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 5.  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, 2019.