By:  West S.B. No. 1679

(Turner of Dallas, Meyer, VanDeaver, Bernal, et al.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility of certain children for free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 29.153, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g)  A child who is eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten class under Subsection (b) at the age of three and enrolls in a prekindergarten class at the age of three remains eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten class for the following school year.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3.  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.