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H.B. No. 396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to acceptable uses of the instructional materials and  
3 technology fund and the instructional materials and technology  
4 allotment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 31.021(c), Education Code, as amended by  
7 Chapters 581 (S.B. 810) and 705 (H.B. 3526), Acts of the 85th  
8 Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is reenacted and amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (c) Money in the state instructional materials and  
11 technology fund shall be used to:

12 (1) fund the instructional materials and technology  
13 allotment, as provided by Section 31.0211;

14 (2) purchase special instructional materials for the  
15 education of blind and visually impaired students in public  
16 schools;

17 (3) pay the expenses associated with the instructional  
18 materials adoption and review process under this chapter;

19 (4) pay the expenses associated with the purchase or  
20 licensing of open education resource instructional material;

21 (5) pay the expenses associated with the purchase of  
22 instructional material, including ~~intrastate~~ freight and  
23 shipping and the insurance expenses associated with ~~intrastate~~  
24 freight and shipping;

1           (6) fund the technology lending grant program  
2 established under Section 32.301;

3           (7) provide funding to the Texas School for the Blind  
4 and Visually Impaired, the Texas School for the Deaf, and the Texas  
5 Juvenile Justice Department; and

6           (8) pay the expenses associated with the instructional  
7 materials web portal developed under Section 31.081.

8           SECTION 2. Section 31.0211(c), Education Code, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10           (c) Subject to Subsection (d), funds allotted under this  
11 section may be used to:

12           (1) purchase:

13                   (A) materials on the list adopted by the  
14 commissioner, as provided by Section 31.0231;

15                   (B) instructional materials, regardless of  
16 whether the instructional materials are on the list adopted under  
17 Section 31.024;

18                   (C) consumable instructional materials,  
19 including workbooks;

20                   (D) instructional materials for use in bilingual  
21 education classes, as provided by Section 31.029;

22                   (E) instructional materials for use in college  
23 preparatory courses under Section 28.014, as provided by Section  
24 31.031;

25                   (F) supplemental instructional materials, as  
26 provided by Section 31.035;

27                   (G) state-developed open education resource

1 instructional materials, as provided by Subchapter B-1;

2 (H) instructional materials and technological  
3 equipment under any continuing contracts of the district in effect  
4 on September 1, 2011; ~~and~~

5 (I) technological equipment necessary to support  
6 the use of materials included on the list adopted by the  
7 commissioner under Section 31.0231 or any instructional materials  
8 purchased with an allotment under this section; and

9 (J) inventory software or systems for storing and  
10 accessing instructional materials; and

11 (2) pay:

12 (A) for training educational personnel directly  
13 involved in student learning in the appropriate use of  
14 instructional materials and for providing for access to  
15 technological equipment for instructional use; and

16 (B) the salary and other expenses of an employee  
17 who provides technical support for the use of technological  
18 equipment directly involved in student learning.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.