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H.B. No. 612

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

1 is enrolled in a program class.

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

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.