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S.B. No. 1932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of the children of public school
3 educators for free prekindergarten programs in public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 29.153(b) and (f), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A child is eligible for enrollment in a prekindergarten
8 class under this section if the child is at least three years of age
9 and:

10 (1) is unable to speak and comprehend the English
11 language;

12 (2) is educationally disadvantaged;

13 (3) is a homeless child, as defined by 42 U.S.C.
14 Section 11434a, regardless of the residence of the child, of either
15 parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person
16 having lawful control of the child;

17 (4) is the child of an active duty member of the armed
18 forces of the United States, including the state military forces or
19 a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active
20 duty by proper authority;

21 (5) is the child of a member of the armed forces of the
22 United States, including the state military forces or a reserve
23 component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while
24 serving on active duty;

1 (6) is or ever has been in the conservatorship of the
2 Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary
3 hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code; ~~[or]~~

4 (7) is the child of a person eligible for the Star of
5 Texas Award as:

6 (A) a peace officer under Section 3106.002,
7 Government Code;

8 (B) a firefighter under Section 3106.003,
9 Government Code; or

10 (C) an emergency medical first responder under
11 Section 3106.004, Government Code; or

12 (8) is the child of an educator employed by the school
13 district.

14 (f) A child who is eligible for enrollment in a
15 prekindergarten class under Subsection (b)(4), ~~[or]~~ (5), or (8)
16 remains eligible for enrollment after the child begins a
17 prekindergarten class if, as applicable, the child's parent:

18 (1) leaves the armed forces;

19 (2) ~~[or]~~ is no longer on active duty; or

20 (3) is no longer employed as an educator by the school
21 district ~~[, after the child begins a prekindergarten class].~~

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

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.