By:  Talarico H.B. No. 332

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to expanding the compensatory education allotment to allow funds to be used to implement social-emotional learning programs.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 48.104, Education Code, is amended by amending subsection (j-1) to read as follows:

(j-1)  In addition to other purposes for which funds allocated under this section may be used, those funds may also be used to:

(1)  provide child-care services or assistance with child-care expenses for students at risk of dropping out of school, as described by Section 29.081(d)(5); [~~or~~]

(2)  pay the costs associated with services provided through a life skills program in accordance with Sections 29.085(b)(1) and (3)-(7); or

(3)  pay the costs associated with implementing social and emotional learning programs.

SECTION 2.  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, 2021.