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H.B. No. 332

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the compensatory education allotment for programs that build certain social and emotional skills.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.104(j-1), Education Code, is amended 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 under ~~[, as described by]~~ Section 29.081(d) because the students are parents ~~[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) provide programs that build skills related to managing emotions, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and making responsible decisions.

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.