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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to permissible uses of the instructional materials and
technology allotment.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.0211(c), Education Code, is amended
to read as follows:

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

(1) purchase:

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

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

(C) consumable instructional materials,
including workbooks;

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

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

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

(G) state-developed open education resource
instructional materials, as provided by Subchapter B-1;

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

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

(J) inventory software or systems for storing, managing, and accessing instructional materials and analyzing the usage and effectiveness of the instructional materials; and

(2) pay:

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

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

(C) for costs associated with distance learning, including Wi-Fi, Internet access hotspots, wireless network service, broadband service, and other services and technological equipment necessary to facilitate Internet access.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.