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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to district bilingual and special language programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.185, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A district operating a bilingual program or special language program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, shall include a goal that supports early childhood literacy for students in a bilingual program or special language program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, in English or in another language as appropriate.

(b-1) For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), a district operating a bilingual program or special language program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, shall identify reading instruments in a language appropriate to assess each student's reading development and comprehension.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.