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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Martinez

1 Amend C.S.H.B. 1 (house committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) In Article I of the bill, in the appropriations to the
3 Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor (page I-55),
4 reduce appropriations from General Revenue for Border Security
5 proportionally among the strategies for which the appropriations
6 may be spent by \$3,750,000 for each state fiscal year of the state
7 fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

8 (2) In Article III of the bill, in the appropriations to the
9 Texas Education Agency (page III-1), increase general revenue
10 appropriations for Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs,
11 by \$3,750,000 for each state fiscal year of the state fiscal
12 biennium beginning September 1, 2023.

13 (3) In Article III of the bill, following the appropriations
14 to the Texas Education Agency (page III-3), add the following
15 appropriately numbered rider and renumber subsequent riders
16 accordingly:

17 _____. Kindergarten Readiness Grant Program. (a) Out of the
18 amounts appropriated above for Strategy A.2.1, Statewide
19 Educational Programs, the commissioner of education shall allocate
20 \$3,750,000 for each state fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium
21 beginning September 1, 2023, to provide grants in accordance with
22 Section 29.155, Education Code, to school districts to contract
23 with a qualified applicant designated by the commissioner of
24 education to administer an in-home, technology-delivered
25 kindergarten readiness program that supplements prekindergarten
26 instruction.

27 (b) The applicant designated by the commissioner of
28 education under Subsection (a) of this rider must provide a program
29 that is designed to:

- 1 (1) increase access to early learning programming
2 education;
- 3 (2) include a parental engagement and involvement
4 component;
- 5 (3) improve student transition into elementary
6 education; and
- 7 (4) include content in reading, math, and science
8 correlated with state prekindergarten guidelines.

9 (c) The commissioner of education shall ensure the program
10 described by Subsection (b) of this rider:

- 11 (1) is implemented in a manner that:
 - 12 (A) allows the program to be offered statewide at
13 no cost to at least 5,000 four-year-old students selected based on
14 early learning needs, including students who are educationally
15 disadvantaged, students residing in rural or remote areas, and
16 emergent bilingual students;
 - 17 (B) attempts to provide equal geographic
18 representation across the state; and
 - 19 (C) prioritizes school districts in a manner
20 consistent with Section 29.155(d), Education Code;
- 21 (2) includes evidence-based assessments provided by
22 the Texas Education Agency or an independent qualified provider
23 designed to measure student progress on domains that include early
24 literacy, numeracy, and language; and
- 25 (3) provides access to computers and Internet service
26 for program participants who are educationally disadvantaged and
27 reside in homes without a computer or Internet service.

28 (d) In designating an applicant under Subsection (a) of this
29 rider, the commissioner of education shall give preference to an
30 applicant that:

- 31 (1) is a nonprofit organization;

1 (2) agrees to provide matching funds in an amount
2 equal to at least 25 percent of the amount allocated under
3 Subsection (a) of this rider; and

4 (3) has experience implementing a program in this
5 state similar to the program described by Subsection (b) of this
6 rider.

7 (e) Not later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner of
8 education shall submit to the legislature a report evaluating the
9 educational growth of students participating in the program
10 described by Subsection (b) of this rider.

11 (f) Any unexpended balances of money allocated as described
12 by Subsection (a) of this rider remaining as of August 31, 2024, are
13 appropriated for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for
14 the same purpose.

15 (4) Adjust totals and methods of financing accordingly.