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By:  Guillen H.B. No. 1209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the permissible uses of the bilingual education allotment provided under the foundation school program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 48.105(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  At least 55 percent of the funds allocated under this section must be used in providing bilingual education or special language programs under Subchapter B, Chapter 29. A district's bilingual education or special language allocation may be used only for program and student evaluation, instructional materials and equipment, staff development, supplemental staff expenses, salary supplements for teachers, incremental costs associated with providing smaller class sizes, including any incremental portion of teacher salaries needed to provide smaller class sizes, and other supplies required for quality instruction.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 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 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, 2023.