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H.B. No. 3543

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the bilingual education allotment under the public school finance system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.054, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding Section 29.066(c), the agency may require, for purposes of implementing Section 48.105, a school district that is granted an exception under this section to:

(1) include in the district's Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report additional information specified by the agency and relating to the alternative language education methods used by the district; and

(2) classify the alternative language education method used by the district under the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report as specified by the agency.

SECTION 2. Section 48.105(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For each student in average daily attendance in a bilingual education or special language program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, or an alternative language method offered by a school district and approved by the agency under Section 29.054(d), a district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the basic allotment multiplied by:

(1) for an emergent bilingual student, as defined by  
Section 29.052:

(A) 0.1; or

(B) 0.15 if the student is in a bilingual  
education program or an alternative language method offered by a  
school district and approved by the agency under Section 29.054(d)  
using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model;  
and

(2) for a student not described by Subdivision (1),  
0.05 if the student is in a bilingual education program or an  
alternative language method offered by a school district and  
approved by the agency under Section 29.054(d) using a dual  
language immersion/two-way program model.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.