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H.B. No. 4407

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorization and reimbursement for certain examination fee and other required cost subsidies paid for public school teachers and students.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 29.190, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 29.190. SUBSIDY FOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION AND REQUIRED COSTS.

SECTION 2. Sections 29.190(a-1), (b), and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a-1) A student may ~~[not]~~ receive more than one subsidy under this section.

(b) A teacher is entitled to a subsidy under this section if the teacher passes a certification examination related to career and technology education ~~[cybersecurity]~~.

(c) On approval by the commissioner, the agency shall pay each school district an amount equal to the cost paid by the district for a certification examination under this section. To obtain reimbursement for a subsidy paid under this section, a district must:

(1) pay the fee for the examination and the costs related to requirements for obtaining the certification; and

(2) submit to the commissioner a written application



1 on a form prescribed by the commissioner stating the amount of the  
2 fee paid under Subdivision (1) for the certification examination  
3 and the costs related to requirements for obtaining the  
4 certification.

5 SECTION 3. Section 48.156, Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 48.156. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION  
8 AND REQUIRED COSTS [~~REIMBURSEMENT~~]. A school district is entitled  
9 to reimbursement for the amount of a subsidy paid by the district  
10 for each [~~a student's~~] certification examination and the costs  
11 related to requirements for obtaining the certification under  
12 Section 29.190(a) as provided by Section 29.190(c).

13 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
14 school year.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.