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H.B. No. 1444

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a school district's purchase of instructional materials
3 using funds allotted under the instructional materials and
4 technology allotment.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 31.0211(c), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) Funds allotted under this section may be used to:

9 (1) purchase:

10 (A) instructional materials [~~regardless of~~
11 ~~whether the instructional materials are~~] on the list of approved
12 instructional materials maintained by the State Board of Education
13 under Section 31.022;

14 (B) consumable instructional materials,
15 including workbooks;

16 (C) instructional materials for use in bilingual
17 education classes, as provided by Section 31.029;

18 (D) instructional materials for use in college
19 preparatory courses under Section 28.014, as provided by Section
20 31.031;

21 (E) supplemental instructional materials;

22 (F) open education resource instructional
23 materials, as provided by Subchapter B-1;

24 (G) instructional materials and technological

1 equipment under any continuing contracts of the district in effect
2 on September 1, 2011;

3 (H) technological equipment necessary to support
4 the use of any instructional materials purchased with an allotment
5 under this section;

6 (I) inventory software or systems for storing,
7 managing, and accessing instructional materials and analyzing the
8 usage and effectiveness of the instructional materials; and

9 (J) services, equipment, and technology
10 infrastructure necessary to ensure Internet connectivity and
11 adequate bandwidth; and

12 (2) pay:

13 (A) for training educational personnel directly
14 involved in student learning in the appropriate use of
15 instructional materials and for providing for access to
16 technological equipment for instructional use;

17 (B) for training personnel in the electronic
18 administration of assessment instruments;

19 (C) the salary and other expenses of an employee
20 who provides technical support for the use of technological
21 equipment directly involved in student learning; and

22 (D) for costs associated with distance learning,
23 including Wi-Fi, Internet access hotspots, wireless network
24 service, broadband service, and other services and technological
25 equipment necessary to facilitate Internet access.

26 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
27 school year.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.