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H.B. No. 1512

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to reporting the number of children known or reasonably
3 believed to not be citizens of the United States enrolled in a
4 public school and to requesting reimbursement from the United
5 States government for the cost of educating those children.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 25.001, Education Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsections (k), (l), and (m) to read as follows:

9 (k) A school district shall include in the district's Public
10 Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report, in the
11 manner and form prescribed by commissioner rule, the number of
12 persons admitted to the district under this section whom the
13 district knows or reasonably believes to not be citizens of the
14 United States. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a school
15 district to deny admission to any person who is eligible under
16 Subsection (b).

17 (l) The commissioner shall annually submit to the United
18 States government a request that the United States government
19 reimburse the state for the cost of educating the total number of
20 persons reported under Subsection (k) by all school districts.

21 (m) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
22 implement Subsections (k) and (l), including rules to ensure that
23 information reported under those subsections does not contain
24 personally identifiable information of a student.

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

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