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S.B. No. 192

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a grant program to reimburse public schools for certain costs associated with hiring retired teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.416 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.416. EMPLOYED RETIREE TEACHER REIMBURSEMENT GRANT PROGRAM. (a) From money appropriated or otherwise available, the commissioner shall establish and administer a grant program to reimburse a school district, an open-enrollment charter school, the Windham School District, the Texas School for the Deaf, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the increased contributions to the Teacher Retirement System associated with hiring a teacher who retired before September 1, 2024.

(b) In appropriating money for grants awarded under this section, the legislature may provide for, modify, or limit amounts appropriated for that purpose in the General Appropriations Act, including by:

(1) providing, notwithstanding Subsection (a), a date or date range other than September 1, 2024, before which a teacher must have retired for a school district, an open-enrollment charter school, the Windham School District, the Texas School for the Deaf, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to be eligible; or

1           (2) limiting eligibility to a district or school  
2 described by Subdivision (1) that hires a retired teacher:  
3           (A) who holds a certain certification;  
4           (B) to teach a certain subject or grade;  
5           (C) in a certain geographical area; or  
6           (D) to provide instruction to certain students,  
7 including to students with disabilities.

8           (c) If the total amount of money sought by eligible  
9 districts or schools exceeds the amount of money appropriated or  
10 otherwise available for the purpose, the commissioner shall  
11 prioritize awarding grants to eligible districts or schools with  
12 the most need, beginning with districts or schools that hire a  
13 retired teacher to teach special education or bilingual education.

14           (d) A school district, an open-enrollment charter school,  
15 the Windham School District, the Texas School for the Deaf, or the  
16 Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired may use money  
17 received under this section to make required payments under Section  
18 [825.4092](#), Government Code.

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

21           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.