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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to a certification program for teachers of students with  
3 visual impairments.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 30.002, Education Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsections (h) and (i) to read  
7 as follows:

8                   (g) To become certified as a teacher of students with visual  
9 impairments, an educator must:

20           (i) To facilitate implementation of this section, the  
21 commissioner shall develop a system to distribute from the  
22 foundation school fund to school districts or regional education  
23 service centers a special supplemental allowance for each student  
24 with a visual impairment and for each student with a serious visual

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1 disability and another medically diagnosed disability of a  
2 significantly limiting nature who is receiving special education  
3 services through any approved program. The supplemental allowance  
4 may be spent only for special services uniquely required by the  
5 nature of the student's disabilities and may not be used in lieu of  
6 educational funds otherwise available under this code or through  
7 state or local appropriations.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.