

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 161  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 27, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
 1-4 May 5, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 5, 2015,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 161 By: Rodríguez

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to a study regarding the costs of educating students of  
 1-24 limited English proficiency in public schools.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
 1-27 amended by adding Section 29.068 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 29.068. STUDY REGARDING COSTS OF EDUCATING STUDENTS OF  
 1-29 LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY; REPORT. (a) The agency shall conduct  
 1-30 a study to examine the costs of educating a student of limited  
 1-31 English proficiency in public schools. The study must:

1-32 (1) determine whether the bilingual education  
 1-33 allotment under Section 42.153 provides adequate funding to schools  
 1-34 for meeting the educational needs of students of limited English  
 1-35 proficiency;

1-36 (2) if it is determined under Subdivision (1) that the  
 1-37 bilingual education allotment is inadequate, determine the amount  
 1-38 of adjustment for the bilingual education allotment that would  
 1-39 provide adequate funding to schools for meeting the educational  
 1-40 needs of students of limited English proficiency; and

1-41 (3) determine whether the educational needs of  
 1-42 students of limited English proficiency and the costs of meeting  
 1-43 those needs vary by grade level from kindergarten through the 12th  
 1-44 grade.

1-45 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the agency shall prepare  
 1-46 a report detailing the results of the study under this section and  
 1-47 submit the report to each standing legislative committee with  
 1-48 primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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