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H.B. No. 3889

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cost for certain public school students of a
broadband Internet access program offered by the Texas Education
Agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.004, Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 32.004. FEES. Except as provided by Section 32.037,
the ~~[The]~~ State Board of Education, on the commissioner's
recommendation, may establish a reasonable fee for services
provided under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 32.037 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.037. BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM. (a) If the
agency establishes a program that provides broadband Internet
access to public school students, the agency may not require a
student who is educationally disadvantaged to pay any fees or costs
for the program.

(b) The agency shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
this section.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.