

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law uses the term “educationally disadvantaged” to refer to students eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program. Teacher and parents think the term refers to students who have learning disabilities. S.B. 293 would change the term to “economically disadvantaged” throughout the Education Code.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 293 revises certain statutory terminology used to describe certain disadvantaged public school students.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 5.001(4), Education Code, to define “economically disadvantaged,” rather than “educationally disadvantaged.”

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11.158(c) Education Code, to authorizes students to be required to furnish personnel and consumable items, except that students who are economically, rather than educationally, disadvantaged may be required to furnish only school uniforms.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 11.162(b), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 29.153(b), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 33.053(b), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 33.054(d), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 33.903(h), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 8. Amends Sections 42.152(a),(b) and (p), Education Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 9. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.