



# BILL ACTION ALERT



TEXAS FEDERATION  
*for Children*



## SENATE BILL 1716

Relating to a supplemental special education services and instructional materials program for certain public school students receiving special education services.

### ***SB 1716 does:***

- ✓ ***Provide needed extra services to help special education students recover from Covid-19 shutdown related learning loss***

### ***SB 1716 does not:***

- ✗ ***Pay for private school tuition***
- ✗ ***Go to private school students***

### ***What does the bill do?***

- ★ Currently Texas operates a program called the Supplemental Special Education Services Program (SSES) with federal Covid-relief funding.
- ★ The program provides high-needs, special education families **attending public school** with \$1,500 to pay for supplemental services needed due to Covid-19 learning loss.
- ★ SB 1716 **expands eligibility** to include all children in special education in Texas public schools.
- ★ SB 1716 is for public school students who need **additional** special education services to **supplement** their public school instruction.
- ★ This fiscal note has been updated since the filed version and currently costs \$30 million per year.
- ★ The intent is to preserve the current program's funding structure, which we anticipate will utilize federal funds to pay for the program.

## WHO IS TXFC?

Texas Federation of Children is a project of American Federation for Children, a 501(c)(4) organization. The American Federation for Children and AFC Growth Fund seek to empower families, especially lower-income families, with the freedom to choose the best K-12 education for their children.