Sec. 1. NONEDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities and their families may be eligible to receive non-educational community-based support services paid for by public funds.

The Commissioner of Education shall adopt rules establishing procedures and criteria for the allocation of noneducational funds to open-enrollment charter schools for the provision of noneducational community-based support services to certain students with disabilities and their families.

Tex. Educ. Code § 29.013(a).

A grant may be awarded only to a student with a disability who is placed by the student's ARD committee in (1) a residential program approved under Texas Education Code § 29.008; or (2) a day placement program and is at risk of being placed in a residential program approved under Texas Education Code § 29.008.

Tex. Educ. Code § 29.013(b).

The support services may not be related to the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student and may include in-home family support, behavioral and other disability-related supports for the student's family, respite care, and case management for the student's family.

Tex. Educ. Code § 29.013(c).

The provision of services under Texas Education Code § 29.013 does not supersede or limit the responsibility of other agencies to provide or pay costs to enable any student with disabilities to receive a FAPE in the least restrictive environment.

Tex. Educ. Code § 29.013(g).

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