

1-1 By: White (Senate Sponsor - Eckhardt) H.B. No. 3456
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;
 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 24, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Hall	X			
1-11 Hughes	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Paxton	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Schwertner	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to inclusion of funds received by certain educational
 1-22 institutions or programs in foundation school program funds for
 1-23 purposes of certain budget reductions.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 19.007, Education Code, is amended by
 1-26 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

1-27 (h) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of any
 1-28 budget reductions requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the
 1-29 governor, any money received by the district or appropriated to the
 1-30 department for purposes of operating the district is considered to
 1-31 be part of the foundation school program and is not subject to those
 1-32 budget reductions.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 29.259, Education Code, is amended by
 1-34 adding Subsection (j-1) to read as follows:

1-35 (j-1) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of any
 1-36 budget reductions requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the
 1-37 governor, any money received by a nonprofit entity granted a
 1-38 charter under this section or appropriated to the agency for
 1-39 purposes of operating an adult education program under this section
 1-40 is considered to be part of the foundation school program and is not
 1-41 subject to those budget reductions.

1-42 SECTION 3. Section 30.025, Education Code, is amended to
 1-43 read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 30.025. FUNDING OF TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
 1-45 VISUALLY IMPAIRED. (a) The funding of the Texas School for the Blind
 1-46 and Visually Impaired consists of:

1-47 (1) money the legislature specifically appropriates
 1-48 to the school;

1-49 (2) money the agency allocates to the school under
 1-50 this code;

1-51 (3) money paid under a contract or other agreement;

1-52 (4) money the school receives through a gift or
 1-53 bequest;

1-54 (5) a payment the school receives from a school
 1-55 district under Section 30.003; and

1-56 (6) the school's share of the available school fund and
 1-57 payments to compensate for payments no longer made from the
 1-58 available school fund as provided by Section 30.003(f).

1-59 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of any
 1-60 budget reductions requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the
 1-61 governor, any money received by the Texas School for the Blind and

2-1 Visually Impaired or appropriated to the agency for purposes of
2-2 operating the school is considered to be part of the foundation
2-3 school program and is not subject to those budget reductions.

2-4 SECTION 4. Section 30.056, Education Code, is amended to
2-5 read as follows:

2-6 Sec. 30.056. FUNDING OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. (a)
2-7 The funding of the Texas School for the Deaf consists of:

2-8 (1) money the legislature specifically appropriates
2-9 for the school;

2-10 (2) money the agency allocates to the school under
2-11 this code;

2-12 (3) money paid under a contract or other agreement;

2-13 (4) money the school receives through a gift or
2-14 bequest;

2-15 (5) a payment the school receives from a school
2-16 district under Section 30.003; and

2-17 (6) the school's share of the available school fund and
2-18 payments to compensate for payments no longer made from the
2-19 available school fund as provided by Section 30.003(f).

2-20 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of any
2-21 budget reductions requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the
2-22 governor, any money received by the Texas School for the Deaf or
2-23 appropriated to the agency for purposes of operating the school is
2-24 considered to be part of the foundation school program and is not
2-25 subject to those budget reductions.

2-26 SECTION 5. Section 37.012, Education Code, is amended by
2-27 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

2-28 (f) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of any
2-29 budget reductions requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the
2-30 governor, any money received by a local juvenile probation
2-31 department or appropriated to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department
2-32 for purposes of operating a juvenile justice alternative education
2-33 program is considered to be part of the foundation school program
2-34 and is not subject to those budget reductions.

2-35 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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