

Amend CSSB 929 by deleting SECTION 4 (page 1, line 42 through page 2, line 14) and inserting the following new SECTION 4:

SECTION 4. Section 8.121, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8.121. STATE FUNDING [~~FOR CORE SERVICES AND SERVICES TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE~~]. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), regional education service centers receive state financial support for services provided under Section 8.051 from money appropriated for the Foundation School Program. The commissioner shall distribute money to each regional education service center for basic costs of providing those services according to an annual allotment set by the commissioner based on:

(1) the minimum amount of money necessary for the operation of a center;

(2) an additional amount of money that reflects the size and number of campuses served by the center under Section 8.051; and

(3) an additional amount of money that reflects the impact of the geographic size of a center's service area on the cost of providing services under Section 8.051.

(b) Any money appropriated by the legislature for services provided by regional education service centers or other providers, including federal funds subject to appropriation by the legislature, must be distributed directly to any school district that has an average daily attendance of 35,000 students or more for use by the district in obtaining the services from centers or other providers. The commissioner shall determine the method by which money appropriated under this section is distributed. A school district that has an average daily attendance of 35,000 students or more may authorize the commissioner to distribute directly to a regional education service center the amount of funds that would otherwise be distributed to the district in accordance with this Subsection. The district may rescind its authorization at any time, and the commissioner shall promptly resume distributing funds directly to the district. [Each regional education service center shall use money distributed to it under this section for the provision of core services required under Section 8.051 or for

~~payment of necessary administrative and operational expenses of the center related to the provision of those services.]~~