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H.B. No. 1363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to funding for the Texas Academy of Mathematics and
3 Science.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.156, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

7 (g) From the total amount of funds appropriated for
8 allotments under this section, the commissioner shall, each fiscal
9 year, withhold an amount determined by the commissioner and
10 distribute that amount to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and
11 Science under Section 105.301.

12 (h) After deducting the amount withheld under Subsection
13 (g) from the total amount of funds appropriated for allotments
14 under this section, the commissioner shall reduce each district's
15 tier one allotments in the same manner described for a reduction in
16 allotments under Section 42.253 and shall allocate funds to each
17 district accordingly. A reduction made under this subsection to an
18 allotment does not affect the computation of students in weighted
19 average daily attendance for purposes of Subchapter F.

20 SECTION 2. Section 105.301, Education Code, is amended by
21 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
22 follows:

23 (e) The academy is not subject to the provisions of this
24 code, or to the rules of the Texas Education Agency, regulating

1 public schools, except that:

2 (1) professional employees of the academy are entitled
3 to the limited liability of an employee under Section 22.051 or
4 22.052;

5 (2) a student's attendance at the academy satisfies
6 compulsory school attendance requirements; and

7 (3) for each student enrolled, the academy is entitled
8 to allotments from the foundation school program under Chapter 42
9 as if the academy were a school district without a tier one local
10 share for purposes of Section 42.253 [~~except that the academy has a~~
11 ~~local share applied that is equivalent to the local fund assignment~~
12 ~~of the Denton Independent School District]~~.

13 (f) For purposes of Subsection (e)(3), if in any academic
14 year the amount of the allotments to the academy from the foundation
15 school program exceed \$366,825, the portion of the allotments that
16 exceeds that amount must be funded by funds withheld by the
17 commissioner under Section 42.156(g).

18 SECTION 3. Section 105.301(e), Education Code, as amended
19 by this Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.