

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 105.301, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(e) The academy is not subject to the provisions of this code, or to the rules of the Texas Education Agency, regulating public schools, except that:

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

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

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

(f) If in any academic year the amount of the allotments under Subsection (e)(3) exceeds the amount of state funds paid to the academy under this section in the fiscal year ending August 31,

1 2003, the commissioner shall set aside from the total amount of  
2 funds to which school districts are entitled under Section  
3 42.253(c) an amount equal to the excess amount and shall distribute  
4 that amount to the academy. After deducting the amount set aside  
5 and paid to the academy by the commissioner under this subsection,  
6 the commissioner shall reduce the amount to which each district is  
7 entitled under Section 42.253(c) in the manner described by Section  
8 42.253(h). A determination of the commissioner under this section  
9 is final and may not be appealed.

10 SECTION 2. Section 105.301(e), Education Code, as amended  
11 by this Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1363 was passed by the House on May 10, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1363 on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1363 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor