

1-1 By: Crownover (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 1363
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
1-6 May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1363 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to funding for the Texas Academy of Mathematics and
1-11 Science.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 105.301, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (e) The academy is not subject to the provisions of this
1-17 code, or to the rules of the Texas Education Agency, regulating
1-18 public schools, except that:

1-19 (1) professional employees of the academy are entitled
1-20 to the limited liability of an employee under Section 22.051 or
1-21 22.052;

1-22 (2) a student's attendance at the academy satisfies
1-23 compulsory school attendance requirements; and

1-24 (3) for each student enrolled, the academy is entitled
1-25 to allotments from the foundation school program under Chapter 42
1-26 as if the academy were a school district without a tier one local
1-27 share for purposes of Section 42.253 [~~except that the academy has a~~
1-28 ~~local share applied that is equivalent to the local fund assignment~~
1-29 ~~of the Denton Independent School District].~~

1-30 (f) If in any academic year the amount of the allotments
1-31 under Subsection (e)(3) exceeds the amount of state funds paid to
1-32 the academy under this section in the fiscal year ending August 31,
1-33 2003, the commissioner shall set aside from the total amount of
1-34 funds to which school districts are entitled under Section
1-35 42.253(c) an amount equal to the excess amount and shall distribute
1-36 that amount to the academy. After deducting the amount set aside
1-37 and paid to the academy by the commissioner under this subsection,
1-38 the commissioner shall reduce the amount to which each district is
1-39 entitled under Section 42.253(c) in the manner described by Section
1-40 42.253(h). A determination of the commissioner under this section
1-41 is final and may not be appealed.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 105.301(e), Education Code, as amended
1-43 by this Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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