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H.B. No. 1441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to school districts that place an excessive number of
3 students in certain special education instructional arrangements.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.151(j), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (j) Each year, the agency shall make and disseminate to each
8 ~~[A]~~ school district a list of those districts that maintain
9 ~~[maintains]~~ for two successive years a ratio of full-time
10 equivalent students placed in partially or totally self-contained
11 classrooms to the number of full-time equivalent students placed in
12 resource room or mainstream instructional arrangements that is 25
13 percent higher than the statewide average ratio ~~[shall be reviewed~~
14 ~~by the agency to determine the appropriateness of student~~
15 ~~placement. The commissioner may reduce the special education~~
16 ~~allotment the district receives to the level to which the district~~
17 ~~would be entitled if the district's ratio was not more than 25~~
18 ~~percent higher than the statewide average ratio].~~

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.