

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

H.B. No. 1441

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1441 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1441 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor