

1-1 By: Eissler (Senate Sponsor - Williams) H.B. No. 1441
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to school districts that place an excessive number of
1-9 students in certain special education instructional arrangements.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 42.151(j), Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (j) Each year, the agency shall make and disseminate to each
1-14 [A] school district a list of those districts that maintain
1-15 [maintains] for two successive years a ratio of full-time
1-16 equivalent students placed in partially or totally self-contained
1-17 classrooms to the number of full-time equivalent students placed in
1-18 resource room or mainstream instructional arrangements that is 25
1-19 percent higher than the statewide average ratio [~~shall be reviewed~~
1-20 ~~by the agency to determine the appropriateness of student~~
1-21 ~~placement. The commissioner may reduce the special education~~
1-22 ~~allotment the district receives to the level to which the district~~
1-23 ~~would be entitled if the district's ratio was not more than 25~~
1-24 ~~percent higher than the statewide average ratio].~~

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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