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H.B. No. 2497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cost of an attendance credit under the public school finance system for certain school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.093(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For purposes of this section, a school district's maintenance and operations tax revenue does not include:

(1) for a school district with a maintenance and operations tax rate of at least \$1.50 on January 1, 2003, any maintenance and operations tax revenue in excess of the amount of maintenance and operations tax revenue collected by the district during the 2002-2003 school year; or

(2) any amounts paid into a tax increment fund under Chapter 311, Tax Code.

SECTION 2. Section 41.097(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The total amount required under Section 41.093 for a district to purchase attendance credits under this subchapter for any school year is reduced by an amount equal to the product of the district's costs under Section 6.06, Tax Code, for the central appraisal district in which it participates multiplied by a percentage that is computed by dividing the total amount required under Section 41.093 by the total amount of taxes imposed in the

1 district for that year less:

2 (1) for a school district with a maintenance and
3 operations tax rate of at least \$1.50 on January 1, 2003, any
4 maintenance and operations tax revenue in excess of the amount of
5 maintenance and operations tax revenue collected by the district
6 during the 2002-2003 school year; and

7 (2) any amounts paid into a tax increment fund under
8 Chapter 311, Tax Code.

9 SECTION 3. Sections 41.093 and 41.097, Education Code, as
10 amended by this Act, apply only to an agreement to purchase
11 attendance credits under Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Education Code,
12 for the 2003-2004 or a later school year.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.