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H.B. No. 3453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to suspending the operation of certain statutory funding
3 formulas during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
4 2003.

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

6 SECTION 1. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies only to a
7 funding formula prescribed by state statute with regard to which
8 the legislature has discretion to determine the overall amount that
9 will be appropriated for expenditure or distribution under the
10 formula.

11 SECTION 2. SUSPENSION. (a) Except as provided by this Act,
12 the provisions of a statute that prescribe the elements of a
13 mathematical formula according to which state money is spent or
14 distributed are suspended until September 1, 2005.

15 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not suspend the
16 provisions of a statute to the extent the provisions authorize the
17 expenditure of state money for a particular purpose.

18 SECTION 3. EXCEPTIONS. Section 2 of this Act does not
19 suspend the provisions of a statute that prescribe the elements of a
20 mathematical formula according to which state money is spent for
21 the purpose of:

22 (1) the payment of debt service on a public security or
23 related obligation;

24 (2) funding the public school finance system for

1 primary and secondary schools;

2 (3) providing group insurance coverage or health or
3 dental benefits coverage for state employees; or

4 (4) a program funded by a combination of state and
5 federal money with regard to which federal law requires the state to
6 prescribe by statute the elements of a mathematical formula
7 according to which money is spent on the program.

8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS ACT. In an Act making
9 appropriations for a period during which the statutory provisions
10 prescribing the elements of an otherwise applicable funding formula
11 are suspended by this Act, the legislature may direct the
12 expenditure of state money according to an alternate formula
13 prescribed by the Act making the appropriation.

14 SECTION 5. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2005.

15 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
16 1, 2003.