

Amend **HB 2** by striking page 25, line 16, through page 26, line 11, and substituting the following:

Sec. 42.3051. USE OF REVENUE FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF COMPENSATION; ADDITIONAL STATE AID. (a) A school district shall use at least 50 percent of all state and local maintenance and operations revenue to provide compensation to classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses. For purposes of this subsection, "compensation" includes salary, benefits, incentive payments, and other costs associated with professional staff compensation, as specified by commissioner rule.

(b) For the 2005-2006 school year, a school district shall ensure that average salaries provided to individuals listed in Subsection (a) are increased by the greater of:

(1) \$2,000 per year; or

(2) the average amount that can be provided using 44 percent of the amount by which the district's maintenance and operations revenue for the 2005-2006 school year exceeds the amount of the district's maintenance and operations revenue for the 2004-2005 school year, not to exceed \$3,000 per year.

(c) A school district that paid employees an additional amount during each of the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years to compensate for reductions made in the health coverage or compensation supplementation provided by former Article 3.50-8, Insurance Code, may apply to the commissioner for authority to provide a lesser average salary increase than the amount otherwise required by Subsection (b), to the extent equitable considering the additional amount provided by the district during the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years.

(d) A school district, including a school district that is otherwise ineligible for state aid under this chapter, is entitled to state aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, equal to the difference, if any, between:

(1) an amount equal to the product of \$2,000

multiplied by the number of classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by the district and entitled to a minimum salary under Section 21.402; and

(2) the amount of additional funds to which the district is entitled as a result of HB 2, Acts of the 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2005.

(e) A determination by the commissioner under this section is final and may not be appealed.

(f) The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this section.