

Amend CSSB 8 (committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 1B.01 of the bill, in added Section 42.152(d), Education Code, strike Subdivision (3) and substitute the following:

(3) in addition to any other funds available for programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 33, including funds provided under Section 42.3053, withhold the amount of \$7.5 million, or a greater amount as determined in the General Appropriations Act, and distribute that amount for programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 33;

(2) In SECTION 1B.01 of the bill, between added Sections 42.3052 and 42.306, Education Code, insert the following:

Sec. 42.3053. ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR CERTIFIED COUNSELORS. (a) For each school year, from funds that may be used for the purpose, a school district is entitled to state aid in an amount, as determined by the commissioner, sufficient to assist the district in employing the number of certified counselors required by Section 33.002.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.

(3) In Part C, Article 2, of the bill, insert the following appropriately numbered section to read as follows and renumber the subsequent sections of Part C, Article 2, accordingly:

SECTION 2C.\_\_\_. Effective September 1, 2006, Sections 33.002(b) and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A school district with 350 [~~500~~] or more students in enrollment [~~enrolled in elementary school grades~~] shall employ a counselor certified under the rules of the commissioner [~~State Board for Educator Certification~~] for each [~~elementary~~] school in the district. A school district shall employ at least one counselor for every 350 [~~500 elementary school~~] students in the district.

(c) A school district with fewer than 350 [~~500~~] students in enrollment [~~enrolled in elementary school grades~~] shall provide guidance and counseling services to [~~elementary school~~] students by:

(1) employing a part-time counselor certified under the rules of the commissioner [~~State Board for Educator Certification~~];

(2) employing a part-time teacher certified as a counselor under the rules of the commissioner [~~State Board for Educator Certification~~]; or

(3) entering into a shared services arrangement agreement with one or more school districts to share a counselor certified under the rules of the commissioner [~~State Board for Educator Certification~~].

(4) Strike SECTION 3.18 of the bill, amending Section 33.002(a), Education Code, and renumber the subsequent sections of Article 3 accordingly.

(5) Strike SECTION 7.32 of the bill, amending Sections 33.002(b) and (c), Education Code, and renumber the subsequent sections of Article 7 accordingly.

(6) In SECTION 9.02(3) of the bill, between "29.203(c) and (g)," and "39.024(e)," insert "33.002(a),".