

Amend **CSHB 2** by adding the following appropriately lettered part to Article 1 of the bill and relettering the subsequent parts accordingly:

PART ____ . SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS

SECTION 1___. Subchapter B, Chapter 606, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 606.0261 to read as follows:

Sec. 606.0261. PAYMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS.

(a) Subject to Subsection (b), the state shall pay 50 percent of the total costs incurred by a school district in making contributions for social security coverage for the district's employees.

(b) Payment of state assistance under this section is limited to:

(1) school districts that covered district employees under the social security program before January 1, 2005; and

(2) contributions made on behalf of employees in a class of employees the district covered under the social security program before January 1, 2005.

(c) Using funds appropriated for the purpose, the commissioner of education shall distribute money to which school districts are entitled under this section in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.

SECTION 1___. This part takes effect September 1, 2005.