

Amend CSHB 1579 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 13 of the bill, in the recital, strike "Section 825.4092" (page 5, line 39) and substitute "Sections 825.4092 and 825.4093".

(2) In SECTION 13 of the bill, in Subsection (b) of added Section 825.4092, Government Code, between "Subsection (e)" and the comma, (page 5, line 43), insert "or Section 825.4093".

(3) In SECTION 13 of the bill, in Subsection (c) of added Section 825.4092, Government Code, between "Subsection (e)" and the comma, (page 5, line 53), insert "or Section 825.4093".

(4) In SECTION 13 of the bill, following added Section 825.4092, Government Code (page 6, between lines 1 and 2), insert the following:

Sec. 825.4093. REDUCED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EMPLOYED RETIREES FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) The Texas Education Agency, in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner of education, may reduce the amount of the employer contributions required under Section 825.4092 for a school district that demonstrates that the district has a severe shortage of available qualified teachers or administrators, as determined under the rules.

(b) A school district is not eligible for a reduction in contributions under this section unless the school district boundaries are at least:

(1) 60 miles from the corporate limits of the nearest municipality with a population of 100,000 or more; and

(2) 30 miles from the corporate limits of the nearest municipality with a population of 50,000 or more.

(c) A school district that qualifies for a reduced contribution under this section shall pay an amount equal to one-half of the contributions otherwise required under Sections 825.4092(b) and (c).