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S.B. No. 596

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the sparsity adjustment under the Foundation School
3 Program for certain school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.105, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.105. SPARSITY ADJUSTMENT. (a) Notwithstanding
8 Sections 42.101, 42.102, and 42.103, a school district that has
9 fewer than 130 students in average daily attendance shall be
10 provided an adjusted basic allotment on the basis of 130 students in
11 average daily attendance if it offers a kindergarten through grade
12 12 program and has preceding or current year's average daily
13 attendance of at least 90 students or is 30 miles or more by bus
14 route from the nearest high school district. A district offering a
15 kindergarten through grade 8 program whose preceding or current
16 year's average daily attendance was at least 50 students or which is
17 30 miles or more by bus route from the nearest high school district
18 shall be provided an adjusted basic allotment on the basis of 90
19 [~~75~~] students in average daily attendance. An average daily
20 attendance of 70 [~~60~~] students shall be the basis of providing the
21 adjusted basic allotment if a district offers a kindergarten
22 through grade 6 program and has preceding or current year's average
23 daily attendance of at least 40 students or is 30 miles or more by
24 bus route from the nearest high school district.

1 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a school district to
2 which that subsection applies that offers a half-day
3 prekindergarten program with at least three students in average
4 daily attendance shall be provided an adjusted basic allotment on
5 the basis of the applicable number of students in average daily
6 attendance prescribed by Subsection (a), plus an additional five
7 students in average daily attendance.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.