

Amend Amendment No. 157 to **CSHB 1** by Merritt (page 227, prefiled amendment packet) by striking the text of the amendment and substituting the following:

Amend **CSHB 1** in Article XI of the bill following the appropriations to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (page XI-22) by adding the following rider:

Report Regarding Junior College District Tax Base Decline. Not later than September 1, 2008, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit a report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officer of each legislative standing committee and subcommittee with jurisdiction over public higher education regarding:

(1) any financial effects of a declining tax base for each junior college district in this state;

(2) an equalization formula to compensate for the loss of the taxable value of property or mineral interest in the district; and

(3) any additional relevant information as determined by the board.