

Amend CSHB 3485 as follows:

(1) On page 5, between lines 16 and 17, add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION _____. Section 42.154, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commissioner shall develop and implement a pilot program under which a school district is entitled to additional funding for each student receiving career and technology instruction in grade eight. The commissioner shall select not more than five school districts for participation in the pilot program. In selecting school districts for participation, the commissioner shall consider school districts that can provide services under the program at the least cost. For each full-time equivalent student in grade eight in average daily attendance in an approved career and technology education program, a school district participating in the program under this subsection is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by a weight of 1.35. Funds allocated under this subsection, other than an indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education rule, must be used in providing career and technology programs in grade eight under Sections 29.182, 29.183, and 29.184. A school district is entitled to an allotment under this subsection for each school year through the completion of the 2011-2012 school year. Not later than January 1, 2013, the agency shall prepare and deliver to each member of the legislature a report describing the effectiveness of the pilot program described by this subsection. This subsection expires February 1, 2013.

(2) Renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.