

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 962
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, prioritization of instructional facilities allotment (IFA) funding occurs in the event that insufficient funds are appropriated to cover all submitted requests for aid. Districts that submit a qualified request for IFA funding are ranked from poorest to wealthiest and the requests are funded until the limit of funds has been reached. Students of military families from locations outside of Texas will relocate to Texas over the next several years due to base realignment and closure (BRAC) and transfer of active duty service members. This bill will help BRAC-impacted school districts secure the IFA funding necessary to properly serve the children of military personnel transferring due to BRAC.

This bill provides that that a district's wealth per student is reduced by 25 percent for purposes of this section if the district demonstrates to the Commissioner of Education's satisfaction that the district must construct, acquire, renovate, or improve one or more instructional facilities to serve the children of military personnel transferred to a military installation in or near the district under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. Section 2687).

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

This bill relates to funding under the instructional facilities allotment for school districts affected by troop reassignments at military installations.

The bill amends Section 46.006, Education Code, by adding Subsection (c-2) to provide that a district's wealth per student is reduced by 25 percent for purposes of this section if the district demonstrates to the Commissioner of Education's satisfaction that the district must construct, acquire, renovate, or improve one or more instructional facilities to serve the children of military personnel transferred to a military installation in or near the district under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. Section 2687). The reduction is in addition to any reduction under Subsection (a), (b), or (c) of Section 46.006 and is computed before the district's wealth per student is reduced under those subsections, if applicable. This subsection expires September 1, 2012.

The bill amends Section 46.006, Education Code, by amending Subsection (d) to provide that the Commissioner of Education shall adjust the rankings after making the reductions in wealth per student required by Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (c-2) of Section 46.006.

The bill provides that effective September 1, 2012, Subsection (d), Section 46.006, Education Code, is amended to provide that the Commissioner of Education shall adjust the rankings after making the reductions in wealth per student required by Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 46.006.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective September 1, 2012, Subsection (d), Section 46.006, Education Code, is amended to provide that the Commissioner of Education shall adjust the rankings after making the reductions in wealth per student required by Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 46.006.

Except as provided above, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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