

1-1 By: Chisum, Hartnett (Senate Sponsor - Ogden) H.B. No. 2  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House February 21, 2007;  
1-3 February 21, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Finance; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to making appropriations to the Texas Education Agency for  
1-9 the purpose of school district property tax rate reductions.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. (a) In addition to other amounts appropriated  
1-12 for the Foundation School Program for all or part of the state  
1-13 fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2009, the following amounts are  
1-14 appropriated to the Texas Education Agency under the Foundation  
1-15 School Program for the purpose of funding school district property  
1-16 tax rate reductions in accordance with Section 42.2516, Education  
1-17 Code:

1-18 (1) for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2008:

1-19 (A) all amounts in the property tax relief fund  
1-20 (an estimated amount of \$4,231,466,000) are appropriated for this  
1-21 purpose; and

1-22 (B) if the amounts available from the property  
1-23 tax relief fund for that fiscal year are less than \$6,956,400,000,  
1-24 the additional amount necessary for the total appropriation under  
1-25 this subdivision to equal \$6,956,400,000 (an estimated amount of  
1-26 \$2,724,934,000) is appropriated from the foundation school fund for  
1-27 this purpose; and

1-28 (2) for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2009:

1-29 (A) all amounts in the property tax relief fund  
1-30 (an estimated amount of \$3,846,492,000) are appropriated for this  
1-31 purpose; and

1-32 (B) if the amounts available from the property  
1-33 tax relief fund for that fiscal year are less than \$7,234,700,000,  
1-34 the additional amount necessary for the total appropriation under  
1-35 this subdivision to equal \$7,234,700,000 (an estimated amount of  
1-36 \$3,388,208,000) is appropriated from the foundation school fund for  
1-37 this purpose.

1-38 (b) In addition to the amounts appropriated under  
1-39 Subsection (a)(2) of this section, any unexpended balance of the  
1-40 amount appropriated for the state fiscal year ending August 31,  
1-41 2008, under Subsection (a)(1) of this section is appropriated to  
1-42 the Texas Education Agency for the purpose described by Subsection  
1-43 (a) of this section for the state fiscal year ending August 31,  
1-44 2009.

1-45 (c) In the event there are insufficient amounts in the  
1-46 property tax relief fund and the foundation school fund to fund the  
1-47 entire appropriation under Subsection (a)(1) of this section for  
1-48 the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2008, the commissioner of  
1-49 education may, with the prior approval of the governor and the  
1-50 Legislative Budget Board, transfer amounts appropriated under  
1-51 Subsection (a)(2) of this section for the state fiscal year ending  
1-52 August 31, 2009, in an amount not to exceed the amount necessary to  
1-53 cover the shortfall, and spend the transferred amounts for the  
1-54 purpose described by Subsection (a) of this section during the  
1-55 state fiscal year ending August 31, 2008. The comptroller shall:

1-56 (1) transfer money from the general revenue fund or  
1-57 other available sources into the foundation school fund as  
1-58 necessary to accomplish an approved transfer of appropriations  
1-59 between fiscal years under this subsection; and

1-60 (2) reduce the amount that may be appropriated under  
1-61 Subsection (a)(2) of this section from the foundation school fund  
1-62 accordingly.

1-63 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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