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H.B. No. 828

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the guaranteed yield of school district enrichment taxes to fund the maintenance and operations of public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.302(a-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) In this section, "wealth per student" has the meaning assigned by Section 41.001. For purposes of Subsection (a), the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local funds per weighted student per cent of tax effort ("GL") for a school district is:

(1) the amount of district tax revenue per weighted student per cent of tax effort available to a district at the 88th percentile in wealth per student, as determined by the commissioner in cooperation with the Legislative Budget Board, for the district's maintenance and operations tax effort equal to or less than the rate equal to the product of the state compression percentage, as determined under Section 42.2516, multiplied by the maintenance and operations tax rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year;

(2) the amount of district tax revenue per weighted student per cent of tax effort available to the Austin Independent School District, as determined by the commissioner in cooperation with the Legislative Budget Board, or the amount of district tax

1 revenue per weighted student per cent of tax effort used for this  
2 calculation for the previous year, if higher, for the first six  
3 cents by which the district's maintenance and operations tax rate  
4 exceeds the rate equal to the product of the state compression  
5 percentage, as determined under Section 42.2516 and  
6 notwithstanding the limitation on district enrichment tax rate  
7 ("DTR") under Section 42.303, multiplied by the maintenance and  
8 operations tax rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year;  
9 and

10 (3) \$31.95, for the district's maintenance and  
11 operations tax effort that exceeds the amount of tax effort  
12 described by Subdivision (2).

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
14 school year.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.