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H.B. No. 1824

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the guaranteed level of state and local funds under the existing debt allotment for school districts that comply with green building guidelines.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.032, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local funds per student per cent of tax effort ("EDGL") for purposes of that subsection is \$37 or a greater amount for any year provided by appropriation for eligible bonds described by Section 46.0321.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 46, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 46.0321 to read as follows:

Sec. 46.0321. GREATER ALLOTMENT FOR CERTAIN BONDS. (a) In this section, "instructional facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.001.

(b) A school district is entitled to an allotment under this subchapter based on the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local funds per student per cent of tax effort ("EDGL") under Section 46.032(a-1) for the payment of eligible bonds that were issued to:

(1) construct a new instructional facility in accordance with guidelines established under the Leadership in

1 Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating
2 System, as determined by commissioner rule; or

3 (2) conduct a major renovation of an existing
4 instructional facility in accordance with guidelines described by
5 Subdivision (1).

6 (c) For purposes of this section, bonds are considered to
7 have been issued to construct a new instructional facility or
8 conduct a major renovation of an existing instructional facility in
9 accordance with guidelines described by Subsection (b)(1) if the
10 instructional facility financed by the bonds was constructed or
11 renovated in accordance with the most recent guidelines available
12 at the time the district began the planning process for the
13 construction or renovation.

14 (d) The commissioner shall determine whether a school
15 district is entitled under this section to the greater allotment. A
16 determination of the commissioner under this subsection is final
17 and may not be appealed.

18 (e) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to
19 administer this section.

20 SECTION 3. Sections 46.032(a-1) and 46.0321, Education
21 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to bonds issued by a school
22 district on or after the effective date of this Act.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.