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H.B. No. 2785

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school district property tax rate reductions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.2516, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1) Subsection (a) applies beginning with the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2009. For the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2007, the state compression percentage is 88.67 percent. For the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2008, the state compression percentage is 60.67 [~~66.67~~] percent. [~~This subsection expires September 1, 2009.~~]

(a-2) Notwithstanding the state compression percentage in Subsection (a-1), the state may only appropriate funds to reduce the compression percentage below 66.67 percent if each school district and open-enrollment charter school receives from the state an amount equal to the product of \$6,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers, full-time librarians, full-time counselors certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and full-time school nurses employed by the district.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect on September 1, 2007.