

Amend CSHB 3646 as follows:

(1) On page 24, line 18, between "(a)," and "(b)", insert "(a-1),".

(2) On page 24, line 19, between "Subsections" and "(b-3)", insert "(a-2),".

(3) Strike page 24, line 21, through page 25, line 7, and substitute the following:

(a) In this section, "state compression percentage" means the percentage, as determined by the commissioner in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board, of a school district's adopted maintenance and operations tax rate for the 2005 tax year that serves as the basis for state funding for tax rate reduction under this section. The commissioner, in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board, shall determine the state compression percentage for each school year based on the percentage by which a district is able to reduce the district's maintenance and operations tax rate for that year, as compared to the district's adopted maintenance and operations tax rate for the 2005 tax year, as a result of state funds appropriated for distribution under this section for that year from the property tax relief fund established under Section 403.109, Government Code, or from another funding source available for school district property tax relief.

(a-1) For the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2009, the state compression percentage is 66.67 percent. For each subsequent state fiscal year, the state compression percentage is the lesser of:

(1) the percentage determined in accordance with Subsection (a); or

(2) the state compression percentage for the preceding state fiscal year.

(a-2) Not later than March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall:

(1) inform school districts of the state compression percentage for the following school year; and

(2) post the state compression percentage for the following school year on the agency's website. [~~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 66.67 percent. This subsection expires September 1, 2009.]~~