

By: Gallego

H.B. No. 67

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the entitlement of school districts and open-enrollment
3 charter schools to a certain funding level and to the appropriation
4 of money from the economic stabilization fund to be used for public
5 education.

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

7 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Save Our Schools
8 Act.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 42.2532 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 42.2532. ENTITLEMENT TO FUNDING LEVELS PROVIDED DURING
12 THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR. Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 this chapter, each school district and open-enrollment charter
14 school is entitled to receive at least the amount of state and local
15 maintenance and operations funding per student in weighted average
16 daily attendance that the district would be entitled to receive
17 under this chapter as it existed on January 1, 2011.

18 SECTION 3. In addition to amounts appropriated to the Texas
19 Education Agency for the Foundation School Program by S.B. 2, Acts
20 of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, or similar
21 legislation, the amount necessary to provide school districts and
22 open-enrollment charter schools with the full amount of funding to
23 which they are entitled under Section 42.2532, Education Code, as
24 added by this Act, for the state fiscal biennium beginning

1 September 1, 2011, as determined by the commissioner of education
2 in consultation with the Legislative Budget Board, is appropriated
3 from the economic stabilization fund to the Texas Education Agency
4 for the Foundation School Program under Chapter 42, Education Code.

5 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
6 over another Act of the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011,
7 regardless of the relative dates of enactment.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect only if it receives a vote
9 of two-thirds of the members present in each house of the
10 legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas
11 Constitution.

12 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
17 legislative session.