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S.B. No. 1868

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an allotment under the public school finance system for  
3 dropout prevention.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 29.918,  
6 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Notwithstanding Section 39.234 or 42.152, a school  
8 district or open-enrollment charter school with a high dropout  
9 rate, as determined by the commissioner, must submit a plan to the  
10 commissioner describing the manner in which the district or charter  
11 school intends to use the compensatory education allotment under  
12 Section 42.152 and the dropout prevention [~~high school~~] allotment  
13 under Section 42.160 for developing and implementing  
14 research-based strategies for dropout prevention. The district or  
15 charter school shall submit the plan not later than December 1 of  
16 each school year preceding the school year in which the district or  
17 charter school will receive the compensatory education allotment or  
18 dropout prevention [~~high school~~] allotment to which the plan  
19 applies.

20 (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school to  
21 which this section applies may not spend or obligate more than 25  
22 percent of the district's or charter school's compensatory  
23 education allotment or dropout prevention [~~high school~~] allotment  
24 unless the commissioner approves the plan submitted under

1 Subsection (a). The commissioner shall complete an initial review  
2 of the district's or charter school's plan not later than March 1 of  
3 the school year preceding the school year in which the district or  
4 charter school will receive the compensatory education allotment or  
5 dropout prevention [~~high school~~] allotment to which the plan  
6 applies.

7 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 39.234, Education Code,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 USE OF DROPOUT PREVENTION [~~HIGH SCHOOL~~] ALLOTMENT

10 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 39.234, Education Code,  
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 DROPOUT PREVENTION [~~HIGH SCHOOL~~] ALLOTMENT

13 SECTION 4. Section 42.160, Education Code, is amended by  
14 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
15 follows:

16 (a) A school district is entitled to an annual allotment of  
17 \$\_\_\_\_ [~~275~~] for each student in weighted average daily attendance  
18 in grades 6 [~~9~~] through 9 [~~12~~] in the district, as determined by  
19 multiplying the number of students in average daily attendance in  
20 grades 6 through 9 by the ratio of the total number of students in  
21 weighted average daily attendance in the district to the total  
22 number of students in average daily attendance in the district.

23 (a-1) An amount to which a school district is entitled under  
24 this section is in addition to amounts to which the district is  
25 entitled under Section 42.2516.

26 SECTION 5. Section 42.2516, Education Code, is amended by  
27 adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

1        (d-1) In determining the amount to which a district is  
2 entitled under Subsection (b)(1), the commissioner shall exclude  
3 the amount to which the district was entitled under Subsection  
4 (b)(3) as it existed on January 1, 2009.

5        SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act effects September 1, 2011.