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H.B. No. 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the calculation of the number of students in weighted  
3 average daily attendance for purposes of the public school finance  
4 system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 42.302(a), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Each school district is guaranteed a specified amount  
9 per weighted student in state and local funds for each cent of tax  
10 effort over that required for the district's local fund assignment  
11 up to the maximum level specified in this subchapter. The amount  
12 of state support, subject only to the maximum amount under Section  
13 42.303, is determined by the formula:

14 
$$\text{GYA} = (\text{GL} \times \text{WADA} \times \text{DTR} \times 100) - \text{LR}$$

15 where:

16 "GYA" is the guaranteed yield amount of state funds to be  
17 allocated to the district;

18 "GL" is the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local  
19 funds per weighted student per cent of tax effort, which is an  
20 amount described by Subsection (a-1) or a greater amount for any  
21 year provided by appropriation;

22 "WADA" is the number of students in weighted average daily  
23 attendance, which is calculated by dividing the sum of the school  
24 district's allotments under Subchapters B and C, less any allotment

1 to the district for transportation and~~[7]~~ any allotment under  
2 Section 42.158 or 42.160, [~~and 50 percent of the adjustment under~~  
3 ~~Section 42.102,~~] by the basic allotment for the applicable year;

4 "DTR" is the district enrichment tax rate of the school  
5 district, which is determined by subtracting the amounts specified  
6 by Subsection (b) from the total amount of maintenance and  
7 operations taxes collected by the school district for the  
8 applicable school year and dividing the difference by the quotient  
9 of the district's taxable value of property as determined under  
10 Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, or, if applicable,  
11 under Section 42.2521, divided by 100; and

12 "LR" is the local revenue, which is determined by multiplying  
13 "DTR" by the quotient of the district's taxable value of property as  
14 determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, or, if  
15 applicable, under Section 42.2521, divided by 100.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.