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H.B. No. 2660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to Foundation School Program funding for students enrolled
- 3 in an optional flexible school day program.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 29.0822, Education Code, is amended by
- 6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
- 7 follows:
- 8 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules for the administration
- 9 of this section, including rules establishing application
- 10 requirements. Subject to Subsection (d-1), the [The] commissioner
- 11 shall calculate average daily attendance for students served under
- 12 this section. The commissioner shall allow accumulations of hours
- 13 of instruction for students whose schedule would not otherwise
- 14 allow full state funding. Funding under this subsection shall be
- 15 determined based on the number of instructional days in the school
- 16 district calendar and a seven-hour school day, but attendance may
- 17 be cumulated over a school year, including any summer or vacation
- 18 session. The attendance of students who accumulate less than the
- 19 number of attendance hours required under this subsection shall be
- 20 proportionately reduced for funding purposes. The commissioner
- 21 may:
- 22 (1) set maximum funding amounts for an individual
- 23 course under this section; and
- 24 (2) limit funding for the attendance of a student

- 1 described by Subsection (a)(3) in a course under this section to
- 2 funding only for the attendance necessary for the student to earn
- 3 class credit that, as a result of attendance requirements under
- 4 Section 25.092, the student would not otherwise be able to receive
- 5 without retaking the class.
- 6 (d-1) In calculating average daily attendance for students
- 7 served under this section, the commissioner shall ensure that
- 8 funding for attendance in a course in a program under this section
- 9 is based on the same instructional hour requirements of the regular
- 10 program rather than a full-time equivalent student basis that
- 11 requires six hours of student contact time to qualify for a full day
- 12 <u>of attendance.</u>
- SECTION 2. Section 42.005(a), Education Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 (a) In this chapter, average daily attendance is:
- 16 (1) the quotient of the sum of attendance for each day
- 17 of the minimum number of days of instruction as described under
- 18 Section 25.081(a) divided by the minimum number of days of
- 19 instruction;
- 20 (2) for a district that operates under a flexible year
- 21 program under Section 29.0821, the quotient of the sum of
- 22 attendance for each actual day of instruction as permitted by
- 23 Section 29.0821(b)(1) divided by the number of actual days of
- 24 instruction as permitted by Section 29.0821(b)(1); or
- 25 (3) for a district that operates under a flexible
- 26 school day program under Section 29.0822, the average daily
- 27 attendance as calculated by the commissioner in accordance with

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- 1 Sections [Section] 29.0822(d) and (d-1).
- 2 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
- 3 school year.
- 4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 8 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.