

By: King of Uvalde

H.B. No. 3135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of school districts in certain counties  
3 to grant housing stipends to teachers employed by the districts and  
4 receive state reimbursement of those costs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 45.105, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

8 (g) An independent school district in a county where the  
9 number of permits issued by the Railroad Commission of Texas for oil  
10 or gas drilling within the county has increased by 25 percent or  
11 more over the preceding five-year period may use local and state  
12 school funds not designated for a specific purpose to provide  
13 stipends for housing to teachers employed by the district.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 42, Education Code, is  
15 amended by adding Section 42.2528 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 42.2528. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TEACHER HOUSING STIPENDS.

17 (a) For each school year, from funds that may be used for the  
18 purpose, a school district that is authorized to provide housing  
19 stipends to teachers under Section 45.105(g) may apply to the  
20 commissioner for reimbursement of the cost of housing stipends  
21 provided to teachers by the district.

22 (b) The reimbursement for which a district may apply under  
23 this section is in addition to the amount of revenue to which the  
24 district is entitled under Section 42.2516(b). This subsection

1 expires September 1, 2017.

2 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to  
3 administer this section.

4 SECTION 3. 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.