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H.B. No. 3568

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a technology applications course allotment under the foundation school program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.1542 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.1542. TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS COURSE ALLOTMENT.

(a) For each full-time equivalent student in average daily attendance in an approved technology applications course, a district is entitled to:

(1) an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by the weight specified in Section 42.154(a)(1); and

(2) the amount specified in Section 42.154(a)(2), if the student is enrolled in two or more advanced technology applications courses for a total of three or more credits.

(b) In this section, "full-time equivalent" means 30 hours of contact a week between a student and technology applications course personnel.

(c) Funds allocated under this section, other than an indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education rule, must be used in providing technology applications courses in grades 9 through 12.

SECTION 2. Section 42.101(a), Education Code, as effective

1 September 1, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) For each student in average daily attendance, not  
3 including the time students spend each day in special education  
4 programs in an instructional arrangement other than mainstream  
5 programs, ~~[or]~~ career and technology education programs, or  
6 technology applications courses, for which an additional allotment  
7 is made under Subchapter C, a district is entitled to an allotment  
8 equal to the lesser of \$4,765 or the amount that results from the  
9 following formula:

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$$A = \$4,765 \times (DCR/MCR)$$

11 where:

12 "A" is the allotment to which a district is entitled;

13 "DCR" is the district's compressed tax rate, which is the  
14 product of the state compression percentage, as determined under  
15 Section 42.2516, multiplied by the maintenance and operations tax  
16 rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year; and

17 "MCR" is the state maximum compressed tax rate, which is the  
18 product of the state compression percentage, as determined under  
19 Section 42.2516, multiplied by \$1.50.

20 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
21 school year.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.