

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 30
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Appropriations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties call for supplemental appropriations to be made to the Texas Education Agency along with related direction and adjustments regarding appropriations for public school finance. H.B. 30 seeks to make those appropriations and adjustments and provide that direction.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 30 makes the following appropriations to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) from the foundation school fund, general revenue account number 0193, for Strategy A.1.1., FSP-Equalized Operations, as listed in the appropriations made to TEA in Chapter 605 (S.B. 1), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act), in addition to other amounts appropriated to TEA for the 2018-2019 state fiscal biennium: \$963,500,000 for the 2018 state fiscal year and \$963,500,000 for the 2019 state fiscal year. The bill requires the Legislative Budget Board to determine the sum-certain appropriation to the foundation school program (FSP) for each year of the 2018-2019 state fiscal biennium based on the amount specified in Rider 3 to the bill pattern of the appropriations to TEA, the other provisions of the General Appropriations Act, and other law, including the provisions of the bill.

H.B. 30 sets the basic allotment at \$5,350 for the 2018 state fiscal year and \$5,350 for the 2019 state fiscal year for purposes of distributing the FSP basic tier state aid appropriated for the 2018-2019 state fiscal biennium and in accordance with applicable law. The bill requires the commissioner of education to allocate out of amounts appropriated to TEA by the bill \$15,000,000 for the 2018 state fiscal year and \$15,000,000 for the 2019 state fiscal year to making special education grants to public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in covering the cost of educating students with disabilities.

H.B. 30 reduces the appropriations to TEA for the 2019 state fiscal year from the foundation school fund, general revenue account number 0193, for Strategy A.1.1., FSP-Equalized Operations, made by the General Appropriations Act, by \$1,927,000,000.

H.B. 30 takes effect only if the 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2017, enacts the following and the bills become law: H.B. 21, or another bill that improves equity in and reduces the amount of school property tax revenue subject to recapture under the public school finance

system and increases the state's share of FSP funding, and a bill authorizing the deferral of the August 2019 FSP payment to school districts. If such bills do not become law, H.B. 30 has no effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Except as otherwise provided, on passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.