

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 290
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties are concerned about the amount of funding available to school districts that serve as the only district operating a campus in a county. H.B. 290 seeks to improve parity in school funding by revising provisions relating to the sparsity adjustment for certain school districts under the foundation school program.

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. 290 amends the Education Code to require the adjusted basic allotment provided under the foundation school program to a public school district that is the only district operating a campus in a county to be provided as follows:

- on the basis of 130 students in average daily attendance for a district operating a kindergarten through grade 12 program whose preceding or current year's average daily attendance is less than 130 students;
- on the basis of 75 students in average daily attendance for a district operating a kindergarten through grade 8 program whose preceding or current year's average daily attendance is less than 75 students; and
- on the basis of 60 students in average daily attendance for a district operating a kindergarten through grade 6 program whose preceding or current year's average daily attendance is less than 60 students.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.