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H.B. No. 65

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an appropriation of money from the general revenue fund for classroom teacher salary increases.

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

SECTION 1. The amount of \$1 billion is appropriated from the general revenue fund to the foundation school fund for distribution by the commissioner of education during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2017, to school districts to provide classroom teacher salary increases.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of education shall distribute the amount appropriated under this Act to school districts on the basis of the number of classroom teachers, as defined by Section 5.001, Education Code, employed by each district.

SECTION 3. Each school district may use funds distributed under this Act only to increase the salary that would otherwise be provided to classroom teachers employed by the district.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.