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H.B. No. 224

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on the amount of school property tax revenue that is subject to recapture under the public school finance system.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 41.0932 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.0932. LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST. (a)

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a school district that executes an agreement to purchase all attendance credits necessary to reduce the district's wealth per student to the equalized wealth level:

(1) is entitled to retain maintenance and operations tax revenue sufficient to pay the district's average maintenance and operations costs per student in average daily attendance, as determined under Subsection (b) and adjusted for inflation; and

(2) may not be required to pay a total amount for attendance credits that would reduce the district's retained maintenance and operations tax revenue below the amount described by Subdivision (1).

(b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), the commissioner shall determine a school district's average maintenance and operations costs per student in average daily attendance based on the district's maintenance and operations expenditures per student

1 in average daily attendance for the preceding three school years.
2 The commissioner shall adjust a district's average costs to reflect
3 inflation in a manner determined appropriate by the commissioner.

4 (c) A determination by the commissioner under this section
5 is final and may not be appealed.

6 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to
7 implement this section.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017, if it
9 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
10 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
11 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that
12 date, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
13 legislative session.