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H.B. No. 352

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a reduction of the amount required to be paid by certain
3 school districts to achieve the equalized wealth level under the
4 public school finance system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 41.0933 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 41.0933. REDUCTION FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
9 COSTS. (a) This section applies only to a school district in which
10 at least 65 percent of the enrolled students are educationally
11 disadvantaged or at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by
12 Section 29.081(d).

13 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
14 school district to which this section applies that executes an
15 agreement to purchase all attendance credits necessary to reduce
16 the district's wealth per student to the equalized wealth level may
17 reduce the total amount required to be paid for attendance credits
18 under Section 41.093 by 25 percent.

19 (c) A reduction under Subsection (b) shall be made after
20 making any reduction to which the district is entitled under
21 Section 41.0931, 41.097, or 41.098 or another provision of this
22 chapter.

23 (d) The district shall use amounts available to the district
24 as a result of this section to pay district maintenance and

1 operations costs.

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