

Amend CSHB 21 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.107 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.107. SPECIAL PURPOSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OPERATED BY GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS (a) In each fiscal year of the biennium, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate funding from the Foundation School Program to each special-purpose school district established under Section 11.351 that is operated by a general academic teaching institution as defined by Section 61.003, in an amount equivalent to the Basic Allotment in Section 42.101(a) multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent students who are enrolled in the school district and who reside in this state.

(b) In allocating funding to special-purpose school districts under this section, the commissioner shall use a payment schedule consistent with the payment schedule adopted for open-enrollment charter schools.

(c) A special-purpose school district that receives state funding for a resident student under this section may not charge tuition or fees to that student for the academic term for which state funding is received, beyond fees permitted under Section 11.158.

(d) A special-purpose school district may elect not to receive state funding under this section.