

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

SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.1531 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.1531. LANGUAGE ACQUISITION ALLOTMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING. (a) For each student in average daily attendance who is deaf or hard of hearing and is found to be reading at a level below the age-appropriate reading level for a student without a disability, a school district is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by 0.2.

(b) Funds allocated under this section, other than an indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education rule, must be used in providing programs to assist students who are deaf or hard of hearing in acquiring age-appropriate language skills.

(c) A school district's allocation under this section may be used only for program and student evaluation, instructional materials and equipment, staff development, supplemental staff expenses, salary supplements for teachers, and other supplies required for quality instruction and for reporting information regarding student progress as required by commissioner rule.

(d) A school district may receive funding for a student under this section and Section 42.151 if the student satisfies the requirements of both sections.