**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 1081 broadens the definition of what qualifies for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA), by including renovation and leasing of existing buildings. Under current law, a district can only receive NIFA funds for a newly constructed facility. However, some districts, in attempts to be more efficient with their resources, choose to renovate or lease space, rather than build a new facility. H.B. 1081 properly incentivizes districts to make the most economically responsible choice rather than just choosing to build a new facility.

H.B. 1081 amends current law relating to the new instructional facility allotment under the foundation school program.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.158(g), Education Code, as follows:

(g) Provides that in this section (New Instructional Facility Allotment):

(1) creates this subdivision from existing text and makes nonsubstantive changes.

(2) Defines "new instructional facility" to include a newly constructed instruction facility (facility), a repurposed facility, and a leased facility operating for the first time as a facility with a minimum lease term of not less than 10 years.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.