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H.B. No. 1263

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of funding under the foundation school
3 program on the basis of property values that exclude one-half of
4 optional homestead exemptions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 7.062(c), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, if the
9 commissioner certifies that the amount appropriated for a state
10 fiscal year for purposes of Subchapters A and B, Chapter 46, exceeds
11 the amount to which school districts are entitled under those
12 subchapters for that year, the commissioner shall use the excess
13 funds, in an amount not to exceed \$20 million in any state fiscal
14 year, for the purpose of making grants under this section. The use
15 of excess funds under this subsection has priority over any
16 provision of Chapter 42 that permits or directs the use of excess
17 foundation school program funds, including Sections 42.2517,
18 42.2521, [~~42.2522~~] and 42.2531. The commissioner is required to
19 use excess funds as provided by this subsection only if the
20 commissioner is not required to reduce the total amount of state
21 funds allocated to school districts under Section 42.253(h).

22 SECTION 2. Section 42.2522, Education Code, is repealed.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.