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H.B. No. 1868

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of funding for school district instructional facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.042 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.042. INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES FUNDING STUDY. (a) The agency shall conduct a study of instructional facilities funding under Subchapters A and B, Chapter 46, using information under Subsection (b) for the 1999-2000 through 2017-2018 school years for each school district that, based on the district's property wealth per student for the 2015-2016 school year, is either in the top 10 percent of districts based on property wealth per student or the bottom 10 percent of districts based on property wealth per student.

(b) In conducting the study, for each district described by Subsection (a) and for each school year included in the study, the agency shall collect the following categories of information for the purpose of analyzing the relationships between the categories:

- (1) district property wealth per student;
- (2) demographic information, as determined by the commissioner;
- (3) district interest and sinking fund tax rate and yield;

1 (4) total amount of money provided under Subchapter A
2 or B, Chapter 46;

3 (5) the number of districts that received funding
4 under Subchapter A or B, Chapter 46; and

5 (6) the average amount of money paid per district
6 under Subchapter A or B, Chapter 46.

7 (c) The agency shall use the study conducted under this
8 section to run instructional facilities finance models for the
9 purpose of identifying inequities in the way districts receive
10 funding under Chapter 46.

11 (d) The agency shall make recommendations for decreasing or
12 eliminating inequities identified under Subsection (c).

13 (e) Not later than December 1, 2018, the agency shall
14 provide to the legislature a report that:

15 (1) states the findings of the analysis conducted
16 under Subsection (b);

17 (2) includes the results of the finance model runs
18 conducted under Subsection (c); and

19 (3) includes the agency's recommendations under
20 Subsection (d).

21 (f) This section expires January 1, 2019.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.