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S.B. No. 2142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the repeal of the high school allotment under the Foundation School Program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 29.918(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding Section [~~39.234 or~~] 42.152, a school district or open-enrollment charter school with a high dropout rate, as determined by the commissioner, must submit a plan to the commissioner describing the manner in which the district or charter school intends to use the compensatory education allotment under Section 42.152 [~~and the high school allotment under Section 42.160~~] for developing and implementing research-based strategies for dropout prevention. The district or charter school shall submit the plan not later than December 1 of each school year preceding the school year in which the district or charter school will receive the compensatory education allotment [~~or high school allotment~~] to which the plan applies.

(b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school to which this section applies may not spend or obligate more than 25 percent of the district's or charter school's compensatory education allotment [~~or high school allotment~~] unless the commissioner approves the plan submitted under Subsection (a). The commissioner shall complete an initial review of the

1 district's or charter school's plan not later than March 1 of the
2 school year preceding the school year in which the district or
3 charter school will receive the compensatory education allotment
4 [~~or high school allotment~~] to which the plan applies.

5 SECTION 2. Section 39.0233(a), Education Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The agency, in coordination with the Texas Higher
8 Education Coordinating Board, shall adopt a series of questions to
9 be included in an end-of-course assessment instrument administered
10 under Section 39.023(c) to be used for purposes of Section 51.3062.
11 The questions adopted under this subsection must be developed in a
12 manner consistent with any college readiness standards adopted
13 under Section [~~Sections 39.233 and~~] 51.3062.

14 SECTION 3. Section 42.302(a), Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (a) Each school district is guaranteed a specified amount
17 per weighted student in state and local funds for each cent of tax
18 effort over that required for the district's local fund assignment
19 up to the maximum level specified in this subchapter. The amount
20 of state support, subject only to the maximum amount under Section
21 42.303, is determined by the formula:

22
$$\text{GYA} = (\text{GL} \times \text{WADA} \times \text{DTR} \times 100) - \text{LR}$$

23 where:

24 "GYA" is the guaranteed yield amount of state funds to be
25 allocated to the district;

26 "GL" is the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local
27 funds per weighted student per cent of tax effort, which is an

1 amount described by Subsection (a-1) or a greater amount for any
2 year provided by appropriation;

3 "WADA" is the number of students in weighted average daily
4 attendance, which is calculated by dividing the sum of the school
5 district's allotments under Subchapters B and C, less any allotment
6 to the district for transportation, any allotment under Section
7 42.158 [~~or 42.160~~], and 50 percent of the adjustment under Section
8 42.102, by the basic allotment for the applicable year;

9 "DTR" is the district enrichment tax rate of the school
10 district, which is determined by subtracting the amounts specified
11 by Subsection (b) from the total amount of maintenance and
12 operations taxes collected by the school district for the
13 applicable school year and dividing the difference by the quotient
14 of the district's taxable value of property as determined under
15 Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, or, if applicable,
16 under Section 42.2521, divided by 100; and

17 "LR" is the local revenue, which is determined by multiplying
18 "DTR" by the quotient of the district's taxable value of property as
19 determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, or, if
20 applicable, under Section 42.2521, divided by 100.

21 SECTION 4. The following provisions of the Education Code
22 are repealed:

- 23 (1) Section 29.097(g);
- 24 (2) Section 29.098(e);
- 25 (3) Section 39.233;
- 26 (4) Section 39.234; and
- 27 (5) Section 42.160.

1 SECTION 5. It is the intent of the legislature in repealing
2 by this Act the high school allotment under Section 42.160,
3 Education Code, that the funding that would otherwise have been
4 allocated for that allotment be used to increase the amount of
5 funding for the basic allotment under Section 42.101, Education
6 Code, in the General Appropriations Act.

7 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.