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S.B. No. 343

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the information required to be included in or with a school district ad valorem tax bill.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.01, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d-2), (d-3), (d-4), (d-5), and (d-6) to read as follows:

(d-2) This subsection and Subsection (d-3) apply only to a school district that, for the school year beginning in the current tax year, has entered into an agreement with the commissioner of education to purchase average daily attendance credits as provided by Subchapter D, Chapter 41, Education Code, in an amount sufficient, in combination with any other actions taken under that chapter, to reduce the school district's wealth per student to a level that is equal to or less than the equalized wealth level as determined by the commissioner of education under that chapter. In addition to any other information required by this section, the tax bill or the separate statement must include a statement in the following form:

"Your property taxes for the (name of school district) are \$____. Of those taxes:

"\$____ will be used by the (name of school district) to fund maintenance and operations of the school district;

"\$____ will be used by the (name of school district) to pay

1 for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both; and
2 "\$_____ will be paid by the (name of school district) to the
3 state for the purpose of helping fund certain other school
4 districts in the state."

5 (d-3) The assessor for the school district shall compute for
6 the current tax year the amount of taxes imposed by the school
7 district on the property to fund maintenance and operations of the
8 school district and to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction,
9 equipment, or both based on the tax rates adopted by the school
10 district under Sections 26.05(a)(2) and (1), respectively, for the
11 current tax year. The assessor shall compute for the current tax
12 year the amount of taxes imposed by the school district on the
13 property that are to be paid to the state by:

14 (1) multiplying the amount of taxes for maintenance
15 and operations imposed by the school district on the property for
16 the current tax year by the percentage of the amount of taxes for
17 maintenance and operations imposed by the school district for the
18 current tax year that the school district is required to pay under
19 the agreement for the school year beginning in the current tax year
20 to purchase average daily attendance credits; and

21 (2) dividing the amount computed under Subdivision (1)
22 by 100.

23 (d-4) This subsection and Subsection (d-5) apply only to a
24 school district that, for the school year beginning in the current
25 tax year, is entitled to state aid under Chapter 42, Education Code.
26 In addition to any other information required by this section, the
27 tax bill or the separate statement must include a statement in the

1 following form:

2 "Based on your property's value, the total amount of revenue
3 the (name of school district) receives is \$____. Of that amount:

4 "\$____ is funded by your property taxes for maintenance and
5 operations;

6 "\$____ is funded by your property taxes for bonded
7 indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both; and

8 "\$____ is funded by the state."

9 (d-5) The assessor for the school district shall compute for
10 the current tax year:

11 (1) the amount the school district receives for
12 maintenance and operations and for bonded indebtedness on
13 construction, equipment, or both that is funded by the property
14 taxes on the property based on the tax rates adopted by the school
15 district under Sections 26.05(a)(2) and (1), respectively, for the
16 current tax year;

17 (2) the amount the school district receives that is
18 funded by the state and that is attributable to the property by:

19 (A) dividing the total amount of maintenance and
20 operations taxes projected to be collected by the school district
21 for the school year beginning in the current tax year by the tax
22 rate adopted by the school district under Section 26.05(a)(2) for
23 the current tax year;

24 (B) dividing the amount computed under Paragraph
25 (A) by 100;

26 (C) dividing the amount of state aid the school
27 district is projected to receive for the school year beginning in

1 the current tax year under Section 42.253(c), Education Code, by
2 the amount computed under Paragraph (B);

3 (D) multiplying the amount computed under
4 Paragraph (C) by the taxable value of the property; and

5 (E) dividing the amount computed under Paragraph
6 (D) by 100; and

7 (3) the total amount of revenue the school district
8 receives that is attributable to the property by adding the amounts
9 computed under Subdivisions (1) and (2).

10 (d-6) To perform the calculations described by Subsection
11 (d-3) or (d-5), as applicable, the assessor for the school district
12 may use the information included in the most recent summary of
13 finances report provided to the school district by the Texas
14 Education Agency or may request that the school district provide
15 more accurate information. The school district shall provide the
16 requested information to the assessor.

17 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a bill for ad valorem
18 taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after the effective
19 date of this Act. A bill for ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year
20 beginning before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
21 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
22 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.