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S.B. No. 1708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a pilot program to provide additional funding to a
3 school district to improve the performance of certain campuses
4 under the accountability system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 39A, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 39A.907 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39A.907. PILOT PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL STATE AID FOR
9 CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT. (a) The commissioner shall establish a campus
10 improvement pilot program in which a participating school district
11 with a campus that is assigned an overall performance rating of
12 needs improvement or unacceptable performance under Subchapter C,
13 Chapter 39, will receive additional state aid to implement a campus
14 improvement plan.

15 (b) The commissioner shall select not more than 12 school
16 districts in each state fiscal biennium to participate in the pilot
17 program. A district is eligible to apply to the commissioner to
18 participate in the program if:

19 (1) the district has a campus that is assigned an
20 overall performance rating under Subchapter C, Chapter 39, of needs
21 improvement or unacceptable performance;

22 (2) the district is located in a municipality or a
23 county with a high proportion of open-enrollment charter schools
24 relative to other municipalities or counties in this state, as

1 determined by the commissioner; and

2 (3) an open-enrollment charter school operating for
3 the first year is located in the boundaries of the district.

4 (c) A school district that meets the eligibility criteria
5 established under Subsection (b) and commissioner rules adopted
6 under this section may apply to the commissioner for selection to
7 participate in the pilot program. To be selected, the district must
8 submit a campus improvement plan as described by Section 11.253
9 that identifies performance goals to be implemented to improve the
10 performance of the campus.

11 (d) Subchapter B does not apply to the campus of the school
12 district selected for participation in the pilot program and a
13 campus intervention team may not be assigned under Section 39A.051
14 for the state fiscal biennium during which the district
15 participates in the program established under this section.

16 (e) A district participating in the pilot program is
17 entitled to additional state aid to implement the campus
18 improvement plan described by Subsection (c). For each student of
19 the campus in average daily attendance the district will receive
20 additional funding in an amount equal to what the campus would
21 receive under Section 12.106 if the campus was an open-enrollment
22 charter school. A school district may use additional state aid only
23 for the purpose of implementing the campus improvement plan.

24 (f) Not later than August 31 of the second school year of the
25 state fiscal biennium during which a school district participates
26 in the pilot program, the board of trustees of the district shall
27 issue a report to the commissioner regarding the implementation of

1 the campus improvement plan. The report must provide the most
2 recent performance rating of the campus and indicate whether the
3 campus improved under the plan. A school district's participation
4 in the program ends on August 31 of the second school year of the
5 state fiscal biennium.

6 (g) If the performance of a campus that is the subject of a
7 campus improvement plan described by Subsection (c) is assigned an
8 overall performance rating under Subchapter C, Chapter 39, for the
9 second school year of the state fiscal biennium during which the
10 school district participates in the pilot program that is two or
11 more performance ratings higher than the performance rating
12 assigned the campus for the school year preceding the district's
13 participation in the program, the district is entitled to the
14 additional state aid described by Subsection (e) for each school
15 year of the state fiscal biennium occurring after the district's
16 participation in the program ends under Subsection (f).

17 (h) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
18 implement this section.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.