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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Rodriguez

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 1 (house committee report) in Article III of
2 the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Education
3 Agency, by striking Rider 81, The Distribution of Federal Education
4 Funds Related to the Coronavirus Pandemic (page III-27), and
5 substituting the following appropriately numbered rider:

6 _____. Distribution of Federal Education Funds Related to the
7 Coronavirus Pandemic. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of
8 this Act, and to the extent allowable under federal law or
9 regulation, money appropriated under Section 13.01, Article IX, for
10 distribution to public schools under the Coronavirus Response and
11 Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L.
12 No. 116-260), or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L.
13 No. 117-2) shall be distributed by the Texas Education Agency to
14 public schools in a timely manner in accordance with the terms of
15 the applicable federal law.

16 (b) To the extent authorized by federal law, money described
17 by Subsection (a) of this rider that is appropriated to a state
18 agency or institution other than the Texas Education Agency is
19 reappropriated to the Texas Education Agency to be distributed as
20 provided by this section.

21 (c) Money described by Subsection (a) of this rider may not
22 be used to reduce state funding for public schools appropriated by
23 this Act.

24 (d) A public school that receives money described by
25 Subsection (a) of this rider shall use that money in accordance with
26 the terms of the applicable federal law. It is the intent of the
27 legislature that the use of that money not be restricted by the
28 state or a state agency other than as required by federal law.

29 (e) The provisions of this section apply regardless of

1 whether the state obtains a waiver from the United States
2 Department of Education from a maintenance of effort requirement or
3 other condition attached to money described by Subsection (a) of
4 this rider.