

Amend SB 2 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Sec. 48.159. SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION ALLOTMENT. (a) For each classroom teacher or educational diagnostician employed by a school district who, during the preceding year, became certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, to teach special education or as an educational diagnostician, as applicable, the district is entitled to an allotment in the amount of the teacher's or diagnostician's certification fee.

(b) A school district shall use an allotment received under this section to provide a stipend in the amount of the allotment to the classroom teacher or educational diagnostician for whom the district received the allotment. A stipend received by a classroom teacher under this subsection is not considered in determining whether the district is paying the teacher the minimum monthly salary under Section 21.402.