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H.B. No. 168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the basic allotment under the public school finance system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48.051(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For each student in average daily attendance, not including the time students spend each day in special education programs in an instructional arrangement other than mainstream or career and technology education programs, for which an additional allotment is made under Subchapter C, a district is entitled to an allotment equal to ~~[the lesser of \$6,160 or]~~ the amount that results from the following formula:

$$A = \underline{B} [\underline{\$6,160}] \times \text{TR/MCR}$$

where:

"A" is the allotment to which a district is entitled;

"B" is the base amount, which equals the greater of:

(1) \$6,898;

(2) an amount equal to the district's base amount under this section for the preceding school year; or

(3) the amount appropriated under Subsection (b);

"TR" is the district's tier one maintenance and operations tax rate, as provided by Section 45.0032; and

"MCR" is the district's maximum compressed tax rate, as determined

1 under Section 48.2551.

2 SECTION 2. Section 48.202(a-1), Education Code, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a), the dollar amount  
5 guaranteed level of state and local funds per weighted student per  
6 cent of tax effort ("GL") for a school district is:

7 (1) the greater of the amount of district tax revenue  
8 per weighted student per cent of tax effort available to a school  
9 district at the 96th percentile of wealth per weighted student or  
10 the amount that results from multiplying \$6,898 [~~6,160~~], or the  
11 greater amount provided under Section 48.051(b), if applicable, by  
12 0.016, for the first eight cents by which the district's  
13 maintenance and operations tax rate exceeds the district's tier one  
14 tax rate; and

15 (2) subject to Subsection (f), the amount that results  
16 from multiplying \$6,898 [~~\$6,160~~], or the greater amount provided  
17 under Section 48.051(b), if applicable, by 0.008, for the  
18 district's maintenance and operations tax effort that exceeds the  
19 amount of tax effort described by Subdivision (1).

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.