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H.B. No. 2121

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a property value study hardship grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 48, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 48.282 to read as follows:

Sec. 48.282. PROPERTY VALUE STUDY HARDSHIP GRANTS. (a) For the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, from money appropriated for purposes of this section, the commissioner may administer a grant program to provide grants to eligible school districts to offset a reduction in the district's funding under the Foundation School Program resulting from the use of the state value for the district's taxable value of property as provided by Section 403.302(c), Government Code, for the 2024 and 2025 tax years.

(b) The amount of a grant awarded under this section is the difference, if that difference is greater than zero, between:

(1) the funding the school district would have received under Chapter 46, this chapter, and Chapter 49 for the applicable school year if the local value for the district's taxable value of property was used for the applicable tax year; and

(2) the funding to which the district is entitled under Chapter 46, this chapter, and Chapter 49 for the applicable school year.

(c) An open-enrollment charter school is not eligible to

1 receive a grant under this section.

2 (d) Funding provided to a school district under this section  
3 is in addition to all other funding provided under Chapter 46, this  
4 chapter, and Chapter 49.

5 (e) The commissioner may require a school district to  
6 submit, or request from a state agency or a political subdivision of  
7 this state, additional information as needed to make a  
8 determination under this section.

9 (f) The total amount of grants awarded under this section  
10 for a school year may not exceed \$175 million.

11 (g) In awarding grants under this section, the commissioner  
12 shall prioritize school districts experiencing the greatest  
13 percentage reduction in funding described by Subsection (a).

14 (h) The commissioner may not adjust the amount of a grant  
15 awarded under this section based on data revisions received after  
16 the grant has been awarded.

17 (i) A determination by the commissioner under this section  
18 is final and may not be appealed.

19 (j) This section expires September 1, 2027.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.