

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, small school districts which do not offer all grades, from kindergarten through grades 12, are rated as having significantly higher property wealth per pupil under school funding formulas than is actually the case. As a result, there is a higher property wealth per pupil, significantly reducing the amount of Foundation Funds for which that district is eligible. This bill would permit the cost of tuition paid by small school districts, which do not offer all grade levels and must send their students to neighboring school districts, to be figured in as an expense in the calculation of the districts' local fund assignment.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1795 would permit the cost of tuition paid by small school districts, which do not offer all grade levels and must send their students to neighboring school districts, to be figured in as an expense in the calculation of the districts' local fund assignment.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 42B, Education Code, by adding Section 42.106, as follows:

Sec. 42.106. ADJUSTED PROPERTY VALUE FOR DISTRICTS NOT OFFERING ALL GRADE LEVELS. Provides that the taxable value of property of a school district that contracts for students residing in the district to be educated in another district under Section 25.039(a), Education Code, is adjusted by using a certain formula. Provides an explanation of the formula.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.