

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Foundation School Fund Budget Committee (committee) functions to tell the comptroller how much to set aside for public education and to adopt the Legislative Budget Board's recommendations for funding amounts and funding elements in the school finance formulas. The legislature can override any committee actions and review the same issues for the appropriations bill. S.B. 1873 repeals the Foundation School Fund Budget Committee and cleans up matters regarding school finance.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1873 repeals the Foundation School Fund Budget Committee and cleans up matters regarding school finance.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Provides that the foundation school fund budget committee is abolished.  
Repealer: Section 42.256, Education Code (Foundation School Fund Budget Committee).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 42.007, Education Code, to require the Legislative Budget Board (board) to compute qualified funding elements, in accordance with Subsection (c). Requires the board before, each regular session of the legislature, to report on qualified funding elements. Authorizes the funding elements to include certain matters.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 13.285, Education Code, to delete text regarding certain costs.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 19.007(b), Education Code, to delete text regarding certain costs.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 29.256(c), Education Code, to delete text regarding the foundation school fund budget committee.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 29.257(a), Education Code, to delete text regarding the foundation school fund budget committee.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 41.006, Education Code, to delete existing Subsection (a) regarding rulemaking.

SECTION 8. Amends Section 42.005(a), Education Code, to delete part of a calculation of average daily attendance.

SECTION 9. Amends Section 42.101, Education Code, to delete text regarding basic allotment.

SECTION 10. Amends Section 42.102(b), Education Code, to make conforming changes.

- SECTION 11. Amends Section 42.155(c), Education Code, to delete text regarding the foundation school fund budget committee.
- SECTION 12. Amends Section 42.252(e), Education Code, to authorize the commissioner of education (commissioner) to adjust a district's taxable values for local fund assignment, to the extent appropriations for that purpose are available.
- SECTION 13. Amends Sections 42.253(b) and (f), Education Code, to require the commissioner to base certain determinations on estimates from the General Appropriations Act. Makes conforming changes.
- SECTION 14. Amends Section 42.254, Education Code, to require the board to submit certain estimates no later than September 1 of each year.
- SECTION 15. Amends Section 42.302(a), Education Code, to redefine "GL" as the dollar amount guaranteed level of state and local funds per weighted student percent tax effort which is \$21, rather than \$20.55, or a greater amount for any year provided by appropriation.
- SECTION 16. Amends Section 42.303, Education Code, to prohibit the district enrichment and facilities tax rate from exceeding a certain amount for any year provided by appropriation.
- SECTION 17. Amends Section 74.066(b), Education Code, to delete text regarding the foundation school fund budget committee.
- SECTION 18. Amends Section 316.002(a), Government Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 19. Amends Section 322.008(b), Government Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 20. Repealer: Section 56.208(d), Education Code (Funding).
- SECTION 21. Effective date: September 1, 1997.
- SECTION 22. Emergency clause.