BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, purchases made by large school districts may not benefit from Subchapter F, Education Code (District-Level and Site-Based Decision-Making) because the sum of many independent purchasing decisions may exceed the \$25,000 threshold. The threshold requires the use of district-wide purchasing procedures set forth in Chapter 44, Education Code (Fiscal Management). H.B. 2021 would amend Chapter 44, Education Code, to provide that the \$25,000 threshold be applied to campus-level, rather than district-level, purchases, provided that the school has adopted a site-based, decision-making plan to decentralize those purchases to the campus level.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2021 amends regulations regarding the requirements for purchasing in school districts that adopt site-based decision-making plans.

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 Section 44.031, Education Code, by adding Subsection (m), to make this section applicable only to a campus that has adopted a site-based, decision-making plan under Chapter 11F, and does not require the school district to aggregate and jointly award purchasing contracts.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 44.033, Education Code, by adding Subsection (e), to make this section applicable only to a campus that has adopted a site-based, decision-making plan under Chapter 11F, and does not require the district to aggregate and jointly award purchasing contracts.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.