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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, Section 42.160 of the Education Code establishes the "high school allotment."

The high school allotment currently provides schools districts with an annual allotment of \$275 for each student in average daily attendance in grades 9 through 12 in the district.

To improve efficiency and equity in our school finance system, S.B. 2142 repeals the high school allotment under Section 42.160 and makes conforming changes throughout the Education Code that make reference to the high school allotment.

S.B. 2142 also includes language establishing the intent of the legislature to direct the "funding that would otherwise have been allocated for the allotment to be used to increase the amount of funding for the basic allotment in the General Appropriations Act."

As proposed, S.B. 2142 amends current law relating to the repeal of the high school allotment under the Foundation School Program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the commissioner of education is rescinded in SECTION 4 (Sections 39.233, 39.234, and 42.160, Education Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 29.918(a) and (b), Education Code, as follows:

(a) Requires a school district or open-enrollment charter school with a high dropout rate, as determined by the commissioner of education (commissioner), notwithstanding Section 42.152 (Compensatory Education Allotment), rather than Section 39.234 (Use of High School Allotment) or 42.152, to submit a plan to the commissioner describing the manner in which the district or charter school intends to use the compensatory education allotment under Section 42.152, rather than the compensatory education allotment under Section 42.152 and the high school allotment under Section 42.160 (High School Allotment) for developing and implementing certain strategies. Makes a conforming change.

(b) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 39.0233(a), Education Code, to require that the questions adopted under this subsection be developed in a manner consistent with any college readiness standards adopted under Section 51.3062 (Success Initiative), rather than Sections 39.233 (Recognition of High School Completion and Success and College Readiness Programs) and 51.3062.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 42.302(a), Education Code, to redefine "WADA."

SECTION 4. Repealers:

- (1) Section 29.097(g) (relating to encouraging a school district to use certain funds allocated under Section 42.160, Education Code), Education Code;
- (2) Section 29.098(e) (relating to encouraging a school district to use certain funds allocated under Section 42.160, Education Code), Education Code;
- (3) Section 39.233, Education Code;
- (4) Section 39.234, Education Code; and
- (5) Section 42.160, Education Code.

SECTION 5. Provides that it is the intent of the legislature in repealing by this Act the high school allotment under Section 42.160, Education Code, that the funding that would otherwise have been allocated for that allotment be used to increase the amount of funding for the basic allotment under Section 42.101, Education Code, in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2017.