

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 4611
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This is the enabling legislation of H.J.R. 151 to allow the distributions from the Texas General Land Office to the available school fund to be increased to a distribution of \$600 million per year.

H.B. 4611 amends current law relating to certain distributions to the available school fund.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 43.001(b), Education Code, to provide that the available school fund, which is to be apportioned annually to each county according to its scholastic population, consists of certain funds, including the distributions to the fund from the permanent school fund as provided by Sections 5(a) (relating to the permanent school fund consisting of all land appropriated for public schools) and (g) (relating to authorizing the Texas General Land Office or a certain entity to distribute to the available school fund each year), Article VII, Texas Constitution, rather than as provided by Section 5(a), Article VII, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 2. Reenacts and amends Section 43.001(d), Education Code, as amended by Chapters 581 (S.B. 810) and 705 (H.B. 3526), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: January 1, 2020, contingent upon the passage of the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, providing for increased distribution to the available school fund.