

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, almost all Texas schools qualify for and use Compensatory Education Funds to help pay for accelerated education programs for students who failed the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test or students who are considered “at risk” of dropping out of school. Schools receive these funds based on the number of students they have participating in the federal free and reduced school lunch program. Ten school districts in Texas, however, have schools that do not have cafeterias and therefore are ineligible for Compensatory Education Funds. As proposed, S.B. 81 allows the commissioner of education to adopt rules to clarify how schools without a cafeteria can receive Compensatory Education Funds.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the commissioner of education in SECTION 1(Section 42.152, Education Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.152(b), Education Code, to provide that, for the purposes of this section, the number of educationally disadvantaged students is determined by certain criteria, including, in the manner provided by commissioner of education rule, if one or more campuses in the district did not participate in the national school lunch program of free or reduced-price lunches during the preceding school year.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.