

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Tens of thousands of students of military families from other states and overseas will relocate to Texas over the next several years due to the transfer of active duty servicemembers. The children of soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom are faced with a set of special challenges, whether they are adjusting to a new school in a new community or having one or both parents stationed abroad in a war zone. School districts could better afford counseling services to assist children with these special challenges if the allotment provided to the districts for that purpose is increased.

C.S.S.B. 961 increases the allotment provided to a school district for each student who has transferred to a campus in the district because a parent or guardian is on active duty as a member of the armed services of the United States or the state military forces.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.152, Education Code, by adding Subsections (a-1) and (c-3), as follows:

(a-1) Entitles a school district, in addition to the allotment provided under Subsection (a), to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by 0.1 for each student in average daily attendance who has a parent or guardian serving on active duty in a combat zone as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the state military forces.

(c-3) Authorizes a school district, notwithstanding any other provision of this section, to only use funds allotted to the district under Subsection (a-1) to provide supplemental programs and services described by Subsection (c) for students described by Subsection (a-1) who are enrolled in the district.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.