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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Texas Military Forces operates the Texas ChalleNGe Academy in partnership with the Youth ChalleNGe Program administered by the National Guard Bureau. The purpose of this program consists of a military-style-five-and-one-half month in-residence training phase, followed by a 12-month post-residential phase where graduates are matched with mentors who are screened and trained by the ChalleNGe program.

H.B. 2247 seeks to help the Texas ChalleNGe Academy continue its important mission by establishing the eligibility of the adjutant general's department to receive Foundation School Program funding for students enrolled in the Texas ChalleNGe Academy. By receiving funding through the adjutant general's department Texas ChalleNGe Academy will be eligible for additional federal funding.

H.B. 2247 amends current law relating to the eligibility of the adjutant general's department to receive Foundation School Program funding for students enrolled in the Texas ChalleNGe Academy.

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 Subchapter B, Chapter 431, Government Code, by adding Section 431.0401, as follows:

Sec. 431.0401. TEXAS CHALLENGE ACADEMY. (a) Entitles the adjutant general's department (department), for each student enrolled in the Texas ChalleNGe Academy, to allotments from the Foundation School Program under Chapter 42 (Foundation School Program), Education Code, as if the academy were a school district without a tier one local share for purposes of Section 42.253 (Distribution of Foundation School Fund), Education Code.

(b) Requires the department to contract with an appropriate school district for the provision of educational services for students enrolled in the academy. Requires the school district with which the department contracts to be responsible for ensuring compliance with any applicable regulatory requirements imposed under the Education Code and enforced by the commissioner of education and the Texas Education Agency.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.