

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1081
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1081 broadens the definition of what qualifies for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA), by including renovation and leasing of existing buildings. Under current law, a district can only receive NIFA funds for a newly constructed facility. However, some districts, in attempts to be more efficient with their resources, choose to renovate or lease space, rather than build a new facility. H.B. 1081 properly incentivizes districts to make the most economically responsible choice rather than just choosing to build a new facility.

H.B. 1081 amends current law relating to the new instructional facility allotment under the foundation school program.

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 42.158(g), Education Code, as follows:

(g) Provides that in this section (New Instructional Facility Allotment):

(1) creates this subdivision from existing text and makes nonsubstantive changes.

(2) Defines "new instructional facility" to include a newly constructed instruction facility (facility), a repurposed facility, and a leased facility operating for the first time as a facility with a minimum lease term of not less than 10 years.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.