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H.B. No. 2698

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the existing debt allotment under the foundation school program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 46.033, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46.033. ELIGIBLE BONDS. Bonds, including bonds issued under Section 45.006, are eligible to be paid with state and local funds under this subchapter if[+]

~~[(1) the district made payments on the bonds during the final school year of the preceding state fiscal biennium or taxes levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds were included in the district's audited debt service collections for that school year, and~~

~~[(2)]~~ the district does not receive state assistance under Subchapter A for payment of the principal and interest on the bonds.

SECTION 2. Section 46.034(b-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) A ~~[Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a]~~ school district is entitled to state assistance under this subchapter based on the district's tax rate for the current school year ~~[if the district demonstrates to the commissioner's satisfaction that the district meets the criteria under Section 46.006(c-2)]~~.

1 SECTION 3. Sections 46.034(b) and (c), Education Code, are
2 repealed.

3 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
4 a bond issued by a school district on or after the effective date of
5 this Act. A bond issued by a school district before the effective
6 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
7 bond is issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that
8 purpose.

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.