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H.B. No. 2706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an adjustment under the public school finance system for optional homestead exemptions.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 42.2522(a) and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In any school year, the commissioner may not provide funding under this chapter or Chapter 46 or make determinations regarding action required under Chapter 41 based on a school district's taxable value of property computed in accordance with Section 403.302(d)(2), Government Code, unless:

(1) funds are specifically appropriated for purposes of this section; or

(2) the commissioner determines that the total amount of state funds appropriated for purposes of the Foundation School Program for the school year exceeds the amount of state funds distributed to school districts in accordance with Section 42.253 based on the taxable values of property in school districts computed in accordance with Section 403.302(d), Government Code, without any deduction for residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax Code.

(d) If the commissioner determines that the amount of funds available under Subsection (a)(1) or (2) does not at least equal the total amount of state funding to which districts would be entitled

1 if state funding under this chapter and Chapter 46 and action
2 required to be taken under Chapter 41 were based on the taxable
3 values of property in school districts computed in accordance with
4 Section 403.302(d)(2), Government Code, the commissioner may, to
5 the extent necessary, provide state funding and require action
6 under Chapter 41 based on a uniform lesser fraction of the deduction
7 under Section 403.302(d)(2), Government Code.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.