

## CHAPTER 1023

## H.B. No. 2332

## AN ACT

relating to the creation of special purpose public schools and school districts.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 11.28, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(a) *On the recommendation of the commissioner of education and after consulting with the local school districts involved and obtaining the approval of a majority of those districts in each affected county in which a school is located, the [The power of the] State Board of Education may [to] create and establish a special purpose public school or [independent] school district for the education of students in special situations whose educational needs are not adequately met by regular school districts. The board may impose duties or limitations on the school or district as necessary for the special purpose of the school or district. The board [districts has been abolished, but the State Board of Education] shall [continue to] exercise the powers as provided in this section in relation to the schools and districts created under the authority of this subsection and in relation to those independent school districts which were created by the board under its former authority to create independent school districts.*

(j) *The independent or common school district that is responsible for providing education services to a student who is enrolled in a special purpose school or school district created under Subsection (a) of this section shall share the cost of the student's education in the manner provided under Section 21.507 of this code for students enrolled in the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Texas School for the Deaf unless the State Board of Education finds that the student's education in a particular special purpose school or school district should not be the responsibility of the independent or common school district.*

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 1993–1994 school year.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 4, 1993: Yeas 134, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2332 on May 26, 1993: Yeas 131, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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