

CHAPTER 383

H.B. No. 986

AN ACT

relating to staffing and funding of the Texas School for the Deaf.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.063, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.063. STAFFING AND FUNDING OF TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. (a) With the concurrence of the Board of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Texas School for the Deaf, the superintendent of the respective school is authorized to adopt a salary structure for the school with maximum levels not to exceed an amount equivalent to the maximum salary levels of the five local independent school districts offering the highest salaries, and not less than those of the Austin Independent School District, including consideration of employee benefits, being paid to staff employed for the special education of children with severely disabling handicaps.

(b) The funding of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired or the Texas School for the Deaf shall consist of:

- (1) such amounts as might be specifically appropriated to the school by the legislature;
- (2) such sums which the Central Education Agency makes available to the school pursuant to other provisions of this code;
- (3) budgets developed through contracts and agreements;
- (4) amounts received through gifts and bequests; and
- (5) payments from local school districts in amounts provided by Section 21.507 of this code.

~~[(c) All amounts whatsoever and howsoever received by the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired are hereby appropriated for expenditure in relation to the functions and purposes of the school as set forth in Section 11.062 of this code.]~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

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.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993; Yeas 31. Nays 0.

Approved June 2, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.