

CHAPTER 890

S.B. No. 297

AN ACT

relating to funding for school counseling programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (j), Section 16.152, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(j) From the total amount of funds appropriated for allotments under this section, the commissioner of education shall, each fiscal year, withhold \$7,500,000 or a greater amount as determined in the General Appropriations Act [~~the amount of \$5,000,000~~] and distribute that amount for programs under Subchapter V, Chapter 21, of this code. A program established under that subchapter is required only in school districts in which the program is financed by funds distributed under this section or other funds distributed by the commissioner for a program under that subchapter. *In distributing those funds, preference shall be given to a school district that received funds for a program under this subsection for the preceding school year.*

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 the Senate on March 30, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 25, 1993, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 1993, House granted request of the Senate; May 29, 1993, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 22, 1993, by a non-record vote; May 27, 1993, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 1993, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 87, Nays 47, one present not voting.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.