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3 HOUSE BILL 1280

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7 An Act relating to schools; requiring school district  
8 to spend certain percentage of budget on  
9 instructional expenditures; mandating annual increase  
10 to comply with requirement; providing for written  
11 warning notice for failure to comply; directing  
12 warning notice be posted on district website;  
13 requiring increased compensation for failure to  
14 comply for four consecutive years; mandating  
15 permanent compensation increase; defining terms;  
16 providing for codification; providing an effective  
17 date; and declaring an emergency.

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1 its instructional expenditures by no less than two percent (2%) each  
2 year until the amount spent on instructional expenditures reaches  
3 sixty percent (60%) of its annual budget.

4 C. If a school district spends less than sixty percent (60%) of  
5 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not  
6 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section,  
7 the school district shall receive a written warning notice from the  
8 State Department of Education. The notice shall also be posted on  
9 the website of the school district.

10 D. If a school district spends less than sixty percent (60%) of  
11 its annual budget on instructional expenditures and does not  
12 increase its spending as provided in subsection B of this section  
13 for four (4) consecutive years after receiving the notice provided  
14 in subsection C of this section, the school district shall increase  
15 compensation for all teachers in the school district by two percent  
16 (2%) for each year in that period in which the school district did  
17 not increase instructional expenditures by a minimum of two percent  
18 (2%). The pay increase required pursuant to this subsection shall  
19 be permanent.

20 E. As used in this section:

21 1. "Annual budget" means a plan of financial operations using  
22 revenues contributed from local, state, and federal sources but  
23 shall not include revenue received from bond sales, the sale of  
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1 property or equipment, school fundraisers, or nonprofit organization  
2 contributions or grants; and

3 2. "Instructional expenditures" means instruction and  
4 instruction-related expenditures as defined by the National Center  
5 for Education Statistics, a federal entity within the United States  
6 Department of Education.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

8 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
9 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
10 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
11 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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