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## H.B. 463, Special Education Funding Modifications

This bill addresses funding for students receiving special education services. It reorganizes statutes for existing funding programs and codifies funding mechanisms currently in State Board of Education (state board) rule.

Notably, the bill addresses funding local education agencies (LEAs) receive for students needing at least 3 hours of special education services per day and students with a significant disability.

1. Codifies the existing self-contained program.
2. Creates an add-on for students with a significant disability who receive special education services.

### Bill Summary

#### Special Education Self-Contained Program:

- Codifies the existing Special Education Self-Contained Program, which is currently in state board rules.
- LEAs will receive the self-contained Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) for these students.

#### Special Education Self-Contained Add-on Program:

- Creates an add-on for **students with a significant disability**.
- LEAs will receive one additional WPU for eligible students.
- LEAs may use up to 25% of this money for general education costs.

**Special Education Preschool Program:** Codifies the Special Education Preschool Program funding mechanism currently in state board rules.

#### Extended School Year for Students With Disabilities Program:

- Extended school year services are for students with disabilities, in line with students' IEPs, provided beyond the normal school year.
- Codifies the existing program from state board rules.

**Students in State Care:** Directs the state board to distribute **special education funding for students in care**, defined by the state board.

#### Definitions

Self-contained: Students receiving **at least 180 minutes of specialized instruction every day**; services provided should be consistent with their IEP.

Self-contained add-on: Students with a **significant disability** and eligible for self-contained funding.

#### Weighted Pupil Units (WPU)

Under this bill, LEAs may receive up to 3 WPUs for students with a significant disability.

Self-contained: 2 WPUs

Self-contained add-on: 1 WPU

LEAs may use up to 25% of this add-on for general education costs.