

SUBJECT: Study of state funding formulas' effects on counties

COMMITTEE: Appropriations — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 18 ayes — Junell, West, Coleman, Cuellar, Delisi, Farrar, Gutierrez, Hartnett, Heflin, Hochberg, Janek, McReynolds, Mowery, Pickett, Pitts, Puente, Staples, Van de Putte

0 nays

9 absent — Eiland, Flores, Gallego, Giddings, Glaze, Luna, P. Moreno, Tillery, S. Turner

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, Local and Uncontested Calendar, April 26 — 30-0

WITNESSES: For — Jesse Gutierrez, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Against — None

DIGEST: CSSB 1386 would require the comptroller to study the formulas used to determine state funding of programs and institutions among Texas counties and determine how state funding under the formulas:

- ! affects economic development efforts, educational opportunities, and public health;
- ! assists or hinders residents and businesses in sustaining financial burdens that result from global economic competition; and
- ! affects the mission or purpose of each state-funded program or institution.

The comptroller would have to report the results of the study to the governor, lieutenant governor, and House speaker by September 1, 2000.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house.

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NOTES: The Senate version of the bill would require the comptroller to compare the effect of funding formulas in counties that border Mexico with state funding of programs and institutions in other areas of the state.