

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, in Texas more than 80 percent of all student enrollment growth over the past five years has been concentrated in just 12 percent of school districts. As a result, 122 school districts absorbed almost 290,000 students since 1992-1993. These “fast-growth” districts grew at an average rate of 17 percent, compared to 4 percent for the other districts in the state. The state ranks school districts eligible for financial aid in the event of a funding shortfall. This ranking system is determined by property wealth, with districts having lower property wealth receiving higher priority. S.B. 594 would take growth into account for the ranking system.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 594 provides state assistance for certain school district instructional facilities projects.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 46.006, Education Code, to authorize a further reduction to be made for the purpose of this section if the a school district experienced substantial student enrollment growth during the preceding five-year period, in addition to any reduction of a district’s wealth per student required under Subsection (a). Provides that the district’s wealth is reduced by an additional five percent, if a district had enrollment growth of between 10 percent and 15 percent in the preceding five-year period. Provides that the district’s wealth is reduced by an additional 10 percent, if a district had enrollment growth of between 15 percent and 30 percent in the preceding five-year period. Provides that the district’s wealth is reduced by an additional 15 percent, if a district’s enrollment growth exceeds 30 percent in the preceding five-year period. Requires the commissioner of education to calculate the enrollment growth over the preceding five-year period and adjust the ranking after making the reduction in wealth per student required by this subsection. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.