

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

S.B. 97 amends the Government Code by adding Section 466.355 to provide enabling legislation for the constitutional amendment in S.J.R. 1. S.B. 97 provides that of the revenue received by the state each fiscal year from the operation of lotteries, after the payment of administrative costs, amounts paid for lottery prizes, and any net proceeds paid for veterans' assistance attributable to a lottery game established by law to fund veterans' assistance, the remaining revenue will be deposited to the foundation school fund. Of this revenue, 50 percent of the funds would be used for the following purposes:

- salary increases for public school classroom teachers with at least six years of teaching experience;
- school district costs exclusively associated with teacher retirement contributions; and
- any portion of the 50 percent remaining after giving priority to funding for the above-referenced stated purposes shall be used for public school classroom teacher bonuses with at least six years of teaching experience.

The effective date for this legislation is September 1, 2019.

As proposed, S.B. 97 amends current law relating to the dedication of a portion of state lottery proceeds to the funding of salary increases and bonuses for experienced public school classroom teachers and costs associated with school district teacher retirement contributions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 466.355, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Requires that 50 percent of the money transferred to the Foundation School Fund (FSF) under Subsection (b)(4)(B) (relating to authorizing remaining money in the state lottery account to be distributed to the FSF) in each state fiscal year be used only for funding salary increases for public school classroom teachers (teachers) with at least six years of teaching experience and school district costs exclusively associated with teacher retirement contributions authorized by this section (State Lottery Account). Requires that any portion of the 50 percent remaining after giving priority to funding for those purposes be used for funding bonuses to teachers with at least six years of teaching experience.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.