

## **Summary of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2**

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### **Property Tax Relief and Local Capacity**

- ? Compresses tax rates to \$1.20 in 2006 and \$1.15 in 2007.
- ? Allows local enrichment for up to \$0.15 which can be accessed at a rate of \$0.05 per biennium upon approval by a vote of the citizens for each increase.
- ? Guarantees a yield at the 90th percentile in 2005-2006, increasing that guarantee by 1 percentile each year, ultimately reaching the 98th percentile.

### **Accountability**

- ? Holds schools accountable for unacceptable performance and provides consequences, assistance, and intervention to ensure improvement.
- ? Transitions to end-of-course assessments, rather than TAKS, for high school students in the year 2009-2010.
- ? Increases the amount of academic and financial accountability for charter schools and rewards high performing charters.

### **Educators**

- ? Increases teacher salaries by \$2000, of which \$1500 is across-the-board.
- ? Provides educator incentives of \$865 on average per teacher for academic achievement and improvement through both locally developed plans and a statewide system.

### **Modernization of the formulas**

- ? New formulas provide updates to certain items such as the Cost of Education Index, small size adjustment, bilingual student funding, and transportation.
- ? Ensures every district receives a minimum 3% increase.
- ? Reduces recapture through updates to the formulas.

### **P-16 Link/College Preparation**

- ? Provides college preparatory assessments to middle and high school students and provides state funding for any student who chooses to take college entrance exams such as the ACT or SAT.
- ? Requires that schools be rated on their ability to prepare students for post-secondary success.

### **School District Governance and Operations**

- ? Requires that all schools operate on a calendar that begins the instructional year the day after Labor Day and concludes by June 7.
- ? Increases funding for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment (NIFA) and specifically targets fast-growth districts.

### **Instructional Materials**

- ? Increases flexibility and focuses funding on upgrading technology in the classroom, expands the Technology Immersion Pilot (TIP), and funds Proclamation 2002 out of the foundation school program.