ATTACHMENT I

Statutory Citation Relating to Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 61, School Districts, Subchapter CC, Commissioner's Rules Concerning School Facilities, §61.1034, New Instructional Facility Allotment


(a) A school district is entitled to an additional allotment as provided by this section for operational expenses associated with opening a new instructional facility.

(a-1) A school district entitled to an allotment under this section may use funds from the district's allotment to renovate an existing instructional facility to serve as a dedicated cybersecurity computer laboratory.

(b) For the first school year in which students attend a new instructional facility, a school district is entitled to an allotment of $1,000 [$250] for each student in average daily attendance at the facility. For the second school year in which students attend that instructional facility, a school district is entitled to an allotment of $1,000 [$250] for each additional student in average daily attendance at the facility.

(c) For purposes of this section, the number of additional students in average daily attendance at a facility is the difference between the number of students in average daily attendance in the current year at that facility and the number of students in average daily attendance at that facility in the preceding year.

(d) Subject to Subsection (d-1), the amount appropriated for allotments under this section may not exceed $25 million in a school year. If the total amount of allotments to which districts are entitled under this section for a school year exceeds the amount appropriated under this subsection, the commissioner shall reduce each district's allotment under this section in the manner provided by Section 42.253(h).

(d-1) In addition to the appropriation amount described by Subsection (d), the amount of $1 million may be appropriated each school year to supplement the allotment to which a school district is entitled under this section that may be provided using the appropriation amount described by Subsection (d). The commissioner shall first apply the funds appropriated under this subsection to prevent any reduction under Subsection (d) in the allotment for attendance at an eligible high school instructional facility, subject to the maximum amount of $1,000 [$250] for each student in average daily attendance. Any funds remaining after preventing all reductions in amounts due for high school instructional facilities may be applied proportionally to all other eligible instructional facilities, subject to the maximum amount of $1,000 [$250] for each student in average daily attendance.

(e) A school district that is required to take action under Chapter 41 to reduce its wealth per student to the equalized wealth level is entitled to a credit, in the amount of the allotments to which the district is entitled under this section, against the total amount required under Section 41.093 for the district to purchase attendance credits. A school district that is otherwise ineligible for state aid under this chapter is entitled to receive allotments under this section.

(f) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

(g) In this section:

(1) "Instructional ["instructional"] facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 46.001.
(2) "New instructional facility" includes:

(A) a newly constructed instructional facility;

(B) a repurposed instructional facility; and

(C) a leased facility operating for the first time as an instructional facility with a minimum lease term of not less than 10 years.