

House Bill 2 Bill Summary

House Bill 2 is a comprehensive school finance bill that supports students and infuses more dollars and resources into Texas public schools than ever before. Passed by the 89th Texas Legislature and signed by Governor Greg Abbott, this bill provides critical supports in several key areas.

House Bill 2: Highlights



Teacher Compensation

- Teacher retention allotment
- Support staff retention allotment
- Teacher incentive allotment expansion
- Teacher liability insurance



Educator Preparation

- Teacher certification required in core subjects
- New preparation allotments
- Expanded mentoring allotment



Educator Rights

- Teacher discipline authority expanded
- Require teachers to be notified of a threat
- Teacher contract protections added
- Bilingual & special education exam fees waived



Special Education

- New intensity of funding model
- Full and Individual Initial Evaluation (FIEE) funding formula
- Funding to offer day placement
- School boards to analyze special education outcomes



Early Literacy & Numeracy

- Educator math academies
- Reading interventions
- PreK funding and partnerships
- Additional Days School Year (ADSY) expansion



Career and Technical Education

- New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA) funding expansion
- Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) funding and notification
- Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) & Rural Pathway Excellence Partnerships (R-PEP) expanded
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) exams fees covered



Finance & Safety

- Basic allotment automatic increase
- Allotment for basic costs
- Safety funding increases
- Regional wind insurance cost coverage