



Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops

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AMPLIFYING THE POWER OF EDUCATION: HB2

The Texas bishops have long supported increased funding for public schools, as the vast majority of Texas children attend public schools – which are vital for the success of our state. HB 2 contains robust additional funding, especially for special needs students, and for increases in teacher pay. HB 2 is an important part of increasing educational opportunities for Texas families.



IMPROVING COMPETENCY

Districts will be prohibited from having any uncertified teachers for any course in the foundation curriculum. Furthermore, HB2 provides sweeping reforms to improve and support teacher competency through teacher preparation and certification.

COMPENSATION

- Basic allotment to school districts will be increased by \$220/student.
- Small and mid-size districts will see their adjustment rate boosted.
- Teachers will receive pay raises.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Children enrolled in eligible pre-Kindergarten programs and special education students in pre-K programs would be eligible for state funding.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

More funding would be available to serve vulnerable student populations, especially those with special education needs. Special education and bilingual education teachers would have certain certification fees waived.



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