

Texas One Step Closer to \$830 Million in EduJobs Funds

Federal lawmakers took a significant step in eliminating the Doggett Amendment, during a budget compromise passed by Congress Friday night.

The amendment, introduced by U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Austin) last year, prohibited Texas legislators from supplanting state education dollars with federal dollars intended to support school teacher salaries under the EduJobs bill. The bill allocated \$10 billion to the states, \$830 million intended for Texas schools.

Gov. Rick Perry said that he could not legally commit the state legislature to required funding levels set forth in the amendment, which prompted the U.S. Department of Education to deny Texas' application for the funds.

The funding has remained in legal limbo since then. If this amendment is finally repealed, the state could receive the \$830 million upon acceptance of Texas' application.