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ATPE Voices Support for Revised, Improved School Finance Bill, HB 3

ATPE provided input to House Committee on Public Ed, House Speaker's Office on HB 3 revisions

AUSTIN, Texas—The House Committee on Public Education on Tuesday advanced important school finance legislation with the approval of the committee substitute for House Bill (HB) 3 by Chairman **Dan Huberty** (R-Houston).

"The Association of Texas Professionals (ATPE) is grateful to Chairman **Huberty** and Speaker **Dennis Bonnen** for giving meaningful consideration to input from the entire public education community, including working with ATPE directly on changes to HB3 which ensure the bill positively addresses Texas educators as it provides resources for the benefit of the 5.4 million students served by Texas Public Schools," said ATPE Executive Director **Shannon Holmes**.

Holmes added: "ATPE is proud to support the committee substitute to House Bill 3 and we look forward to working with Republicans and Democrats in both chambers to get school finance reform across the finish line this session."

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