Amend CSSB 1581 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS accordingly:

ARTICLE ___. FISCAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE STATE

COMPRESSION PERCENTAGE

SECTION _____. Section 42.2516, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-2) If a school district adopts a maintenance and operations tax rate that is below the rate equal to the product of the state compression percentage multiplied by the maintenance and operations tax rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year, the commissioner shall reduce the district's entitlement under this section in proportion to the amount by which the adopted rate is less than the rate equal to the product of the state compression percentage multiplied by the rate adopted by the district for the 2005 tax year. The reduction required by this subsection applies beginning with the maintenance and operations tax rate adopted for the 2009 tax year.