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H.B. No. 75

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the dropout count and dropout rate of public school  
3 students.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 39.056 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 39.056. DROPOUT COUNT AND DROPOUT RATE; REPORT. (a)

8 In this section:

9 (1) "A" is the number of students enrolled at a campus  
10 at grade level 9;

11 (2) "B" is the number of students not enrolled at a  
12 campus at grade level 9 who subsequently enroll at the campus at the  
13 same grade level as the students described by Subdivision (1);

14 (3) "C" is the number of those students described by  
15 Subdivisions (1) and (2) who remain enrolled at the same campus at  
16 grade level 12;

17 (4) "D" is the number of those students described by  
18 Subdivisions (1) and (2):

19 (A) who enroll at another campus, including a  
20 private school campus, in a program that grants a high school  
21 diploma; and

22 (B) whose enrollment is verified by the receiving  
23 campus;

24 (5) "E" is the number of students described by

1 Subdivisions (1) and (2) who die while enrolled at the campus before  
2 receiving a high school diploma;

3 (6) "F" is the number of students described by  
4 Subdivisions (1) and (2) who receive a high school diploma before  
5 completing grade level 12;

6 (7) "DC" is the dropout count; and

7 (8) "DR" is the dropout rate.

8 (b) In addition to the computation of dropout rates under  
9 Section 39.051(b)(2), the agency shall compute the following  
10 dropout information for school campuses, school districts, and the  
11 state and make the information available to the public in an annual  
12 report:

13 (1) the dropout count of students at a school campus,  
14 as determined by the formula:

15  $DC = (A + B) - (C + D + E + F)$ ; and

16 (2) the dropout rate of students at a school campus, as  
17 determined by the formula:

18  $DR = (DC / (A + B)) \times 100.$

19 (c) The dropout count and dropout rate of students enrolled  
20 in a school district or in this state are computed under this  
21 section in the same manner as the dropout count and dropout rate of  
22 a campus under this section.

23 (d) The agency may not use for purposes of accountability or  
24 accreditation a dropout count or dropout rate computed under this  
25 section.

26 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2004-2005  
27 school year.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
6 legislative session.