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H.B. No. 1856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a review of the operations of the Windham School
3 District by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 19.0021 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 19.0021. SUNSET REVIEW. (a) The Sunset Advisory
8 Commission shall review the operations of the Windham School
9 District. In the review, the commission shall evaluate:

10 (1) the extent to which the district achieves the
11 goals stated in Section 19.003; and

12 (2) whether money from the foundation school fund,
13 appropriated funds, and gifts and grants are being used efficiently
14 to achieve the goals stated in Section 19.003.

15 (b) Before January 1, 2005, the Sunset Advisory Commission
16 shall make recommendations to the legislature about whether the
17 Windham School District should be continued.

18 (c) Unless continued by the legislature, this chapter
19 expires September 1, 2005.

20 SECTION 2. If by the terms of Section 19.0021(c), Education
21 Code, as added by this Act, Chapter 19, Education Code, expires on
22 September 1, 2005, on that date:

23 (1) all powers, duties, functions, and activities
24 performed by the Windham School District are transferred to the

1 Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

2 (2) all employees of the Windham School District
3 become employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, to be
4 assigned duties by the department;

5 (3) a rule, form, order, or procedure adopted by the
6 Windham School District is a rule, form, order, or procedure of the
7 Texas Department of Criminal Justice and remains in effect until
8 changed by the department;

9 (4) a reference in law to the Windham School District
10 means the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

11 (5) all obligations, rights, and contracts of the
12 Windham School District are transferred to the Texas Department of
13 Criminal Justice; and

14 (6) all property, including records and money, in the
15 custody of the Windham School District and all funds appropriated
16 by the legislature for the district shall be transferred to the
17 Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.