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H.B. No. 2823

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to individual transition plans for certain students receiving special education services.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.011(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

~~[(a)]~~ The commissioner ~~[Texas Education Agency, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission]~~ shall by rule ~~[develop, agree to, and by rule]~~ adopt procedures for compliance with requirements relating to transition ~~[a memorandum of understanding that establishes the respective responsibilities of each agency for the provision of]~~ services for ~~[necessary to prepare]~~ students at least 14 years of age and not older than 21 years of age who are enrolled in special education programs under this subchapter ~~[for a successful transition to life outside of the public school system]~~. The procedures must specify the manner in which a student's admission, review, and dismissal committee should address in the student's individualized education program any federal requirements, including:

(1) appropriate parent and student involvement in the student's transition to life outside the public school system;

(2) any postsecondary education options;

(3) a functional vocational evaluation;

1           (4) employment goals and objectives;

2           (5) if the student is at least 18 years of age,  
3 age-appropriate instructional environments;

4           (6) independent living goals and objectives; and

5           (7) appropriate circumstances for referring a student  
6 or the student's parents to a governmental agency for services.

7           SECTION 2. Sections 29.011(b)-(e), Education Code, are  
8 repealed.

9           SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004  
10 school year.

11           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.