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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to restricting written information required of public school classroom teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.164, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.164. RESTRICTING WRITTEN INFORMATION [~~REPORTS~~].

(a) The [~~On an annual basis, the~~] board of trustees of each school district shall limit redundant requests for information and [~~, after soliciting recommendations from each campus-level committee and the district-level committee, consider~~] the number and length of written reports that a classroom teacher is [~~employees of the district are~~] required to prepare. A classroom teacher may not be required to prepare any written information other than:

(1) any report concerning the health, safety, or welfare of a student;

(2) a report of a student's grade on an assignment or examination;

(3) a report of a student's academic progress in a class or course;

(4) a report of a student's grades at the end of each grade reporting period;

(5) a textbook report;

(6) a unit or weekly lesson plan that outlines, in a

1 brief and general manner, the information to be presented during  
2 each period at the secondary level or in each subject or topic at  
3 the elementary level;

4 (7) an attendance report;

5 (8) any report required for accreditation review;

6 (9) any information required by a school district that  
7 relates to a complaint, grievance, or actual or potential  
8 litigation and that requires the classroom teacher's involvement;  
9 or

10 (10) any information specifically required by law,  
11 rule, or regulation.

12 (b) The board of trustees shall review paperwork  
13 requirements imposed on classroom teachers and shall transfer to  
14 existing noninstructional staff a reporting task that can  
15 reasonably be accomplished by that staff.

16 (c) This section does not preclude a school district from  
17 collecting essential information, in addition to information  
18 specified under Subsection (a), from a classroom teacher on  
19 agreement between the classroom teacher and the district.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004  
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.