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S.B. No. 13

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

8 (a) The [~~On an annual basis, the~~] board of trustees of each school
9 district shall limit redundant requests for information and [~~, after~~
10 ~~soliciting recommendations from each campus-level committee and~~
11 ~~the district-level committee, consider~~] the number and length of
12 written reports that a classroom teacher is [~~employees of the~~
13 ~~district are~~] required to prepare. Except as provided by
14 Subsection (b), a classroom teacher may not be required to prepare
15 any written information other than:

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

18 (2) a report of a student's grade on a particular
19 assignment or examination;

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

22 (4) a textbook report;

23 (5) a unit or weekly lesson plan that outlines, in a
24 brief and general manner, the information to be presented during

1 each period at the secondary level or in each subject or topic at
2 the elementary level;

3 (6) an attendance report;

4 (7) any report required for accreditation review; or

5 (8) any information specifically required by law,
6 rule, or regulation to be prepared by a classroom teacher.

7 (b) The board of trustees shall review paperwork
8 requirements imposed on classroom teachers and shall transfer to
9 existing noninstructional staff a reporting task that can
10 reasonably be accomplished by that staff.

11 (c) This section does not preclude a school district from
12 collecting essential information, in addition to information
13 specified under Subsection (a), from a classroom teacher if
14 participation is agreed to by the teacher and the school district.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
16 school year.

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