

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 13  
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1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 13 By: Zaffirini

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to restricting written information required of public  
1-10 school classroom teachers.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 11.164, Education Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 11.164. RESTRICTING WRITTEN INFORMATION [~~REPORTS~~].

1-15 (a) The [On an annual basis, the] board of trustees of each school  
1-16 district shall limit redundant requests for information and [after  
1-17 soliciting recommendations from each campus-level committee and  
1-18 the district-level committee, consider] the number and length of  
1-19 written reports that a classroom teacher is [employees of the  
1-20 district are] required to prepare. A classroom teacher may not be  
1-21 required to prepare any written information other than:

1-22 (1) any report concerning the health, safety, or  
1-23 welfare of a student;

1-24 (2) a report of a student's grade on an assignment or  
1-25 examination;

1-26 (3) a report of a student's academic progress in a  
1-27 class or course;

1-28 (4) a report of a student's grades at the end of each  
1-29 grade reporting period;

1-30 (5) a textbook report;

1-31 (6) a unit or weekly lesson plan that outlines, in a  
1-32 brief and general manner, the information to be presented during  
1-33 each period at the secondary level or in each subject or topic at  
1-34 the elementary level;

1-35 (7) an attendance report;

1-36 (8) any report required for accreditation review;

1-37 (9) any information required by a school district that  
1-38 relates to a complaint, grievance, or actual or potential  
1-39 litigation and that requires the classroom teacher's involvement;  
1-40 or

1-41 (10) any information specifically required by law,  
1-42 rule, or regulation.

1-43 (b) The board of trustees shall review paperwork  
1-44 requirements imposed on classroom teachers and shall transfer to  
1-45 existing noninstructional staff a reporting task that can  
1-46 reasonably be accomplished by that staff.

1-47 (c) This section does not preclude a school district from  
1-48 collecting essential information, in addition to information  
1-49 specified under Subsection (a), from a classroom teacher on  
1-50 agreement between the classroom teacher and the district.

1-51 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004  
1-52 school year.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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