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S.B. No. 186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the computation of public school dropout and completion  
3 rates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.051(b), Education Code, as amended by  
6 Chapters 8, 725, 834, and 1420, Acts of the 77th Legislature,  
7 Regular Session, 2001, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (b) Performance on the indicators adopted under this  
9 section shall be compared to state-established standards. The  
10 degree of change from one school year to the next in performance on  
11 each indicator adopted under this section shall also be considered.  
12 The indicators must be based on information that is disaggregated  
13 by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status and must  
14 include:

15 (1) the results of assessment instruments required  
16 under Sections 39.023(a), (c), and (l), aggregated by grade level  
17 and subject area;

18 (2) dropout rates, including dropout rates and  
19 district completion rates for grade levels 9 through 12, computed  
20 in accordance with standards and definitions adopted by the  
21 National Center for Education Statistics of the United States  
22 Department of Education;

23 (3) student attendance rates;

24 (4) the percentage of graduating students who attain

1 scores on the secondary exit-level assessment instruments required  
2 under Subchapter B that are equivalent to a passing score on the  
3 test instrument required under Section 51.306;

4 (5) the percentage of graduating students who meet the  
5 course requirements established for the recommended high school  
6 program by State Board of Education rule;

7 (6) the results of the Scholastic Assessment Test  
8 (SAT), the American College Test (ACT), articulated postsecondary  
9 degree programs described by Section 61.852, and certified  
10 workforce training programs described by Chapter 311, Labor Code;

11 (7) the percentage of students, aggregated by grade  
12 level, provided accelerated instruction under Section 28.0211(c),  
13 the results of assessments administered under that section, the  
14 percentage of students promoted through the grade placement  
15 committee process under Section 28.0211, the subject of the  
16 assessment instrument on which each student failed to perform  
17 satisfactorily, and the performance of those students in the school  
18 year following that promotion on the assessment instruments  
19 required under Section 39.023;

20 (8) for students who have failed to perform  
21 satisfactorily on an assessment instrument required under Section  
22 39.023(a) or (c), the numerical progress of those students on  
23 subsequent assessment instruments required under those sections,  
24 aggregated by grade level and subject area;

25 ~~[(9) the percentage of students taking end-of-course~~  
26 ~~assessment instruments adopted under Section 39.023(d),]~~

27 (9) the percentage of students exempted, by exemption

1 category, from the assessment program generally applicable under  
2 this chapter [~~subchapter~~]; and

3 (10) [~~(11)~~] the percentage of students of limited  
4 English proficiency exempted from the administration of an  
5 assessment instrument under Sections 39.027(a)(3) and (4).

6 SECTION 2. Section 39.051(b), Education Code, as amended by  
7 this Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

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