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S.B. No. 1820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to district accreditation standards

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.072, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to evaluate the performance of school districts and to assign to each district a performance rating as follows:

(1) exemplary (meets or exceeds state exemplary standards);

(2) recognized (meets or exceeds required improvement and within 10 percent of state exemplary standards);

(3) academically acceptable (below the exemplary and recognized standards but exceeds the academically unacceptable standards); or

(4) academically unacceptable (below the state clearly unacceptable performance standard and does not meet required improvement).

(b) The academic excellence indicators adopted under Sections 39.051(b)(1) through (7) and the district's current special education compliance status with the agency shall be the main considerations of the agency in the rating of the district under this section. Additional criteria in the rules may include consideration of:

1           (1) compliance with statutory requirements and  
2 requirements imposed by rule of the State Board of Education under  
3 specific statutory authority that relate to:

4           (A) reporting data through the Public Education  
5 Information Management System (PEIMS);

6           (B) the high school graduation requirements under  
7 Section 28.025; or

8           (C) an item listed in Sections 7.056(e)(3)(C)-(I) that  
9 applies to the district; and

10          (2) the effectiveness of the district's programs for  
11 special populations.

12          The agency shall evaluate against state standards and shall  
13 report the performance of each campus in a district and each  
14 open-enrollment charter school on the basis of the campus's  
15 performance on the indicators adopted under Sections 39.051(b)(1)  
16 through (7).

17          (3) the effectiveness of the district's career and  
18 technology programs.

19          SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.