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S.B. No. 42

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding instructional facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 46, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 46.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 46.014. STUDY REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES. (a)

The comptroller in cooperation with the agency shall study:

(1) existing instructional facilities in this state;

and

(2) the projected need for instructional facilities in the next 10 to 20 years.

(b) The study of instructional facilities must include an examination of the following objectives and any other objectives determined appropriate by the comptroller and the agency:

(1) a determination as to which of the following needs of school districts in this state relating to instructional facilities are the most pressing:

(A) the need for new instructional facilities;

(B) the need for repairs to existing instructional facilities;

(C) the need for renovations of existing instructional facilities; and

(D) other needs relating to instructional facilities;

1 (2) an estimate of the total cost of necessary
2 construction, repair, or renovation of instructional facilities in
3 the next 10 to 20 years;

4 (3) a determination of the number of school districts
5 and campuses that have student populations that exceed the maximum
6 capacity of the districts' or campuses' classrooms, cafeterias, or
7 gymnasiums, including if appropriate a determination of:

8 (A) the number of portable buildings in use by
9 each school district and campus;

10 (B) the square footage of instructional facility
11 space per student; and

12 (C) the number of instructional facilities that
13 are serving a number of students that exceeds the maximum capacity
14 of the facility; and

15 (4) a determination of the extent to which
16 instructional facilities in this state are energy and water use
17 efficient.

18 (c) In projecting the need for instructional facilities in
19 the next 10 to 20 years, the study must determine the facilities
20 that will need to be constructed, repaired, or renovated in this
21 state. The study may include:

22 (1) projections as to the date new instructional
23 facilities will be needed or the date existing instructional
24 facilities will need to be repaired or renovated;

25 (2) information relating to the date of construction
26 or age of existing instructional facilities; and

27 (3) information relating to the dates of the most

1 recent major renovations of existing instructional facilities.

2 (d) The comptroller and the agency shall determine the
3 appropriate methodology for use in conducting the study required by
4 this section.

5 (e) Not later than December 1, 2006, the comptroller and the
6 agency shall submit to the legislature a report based on the study
7 required by this section. This section expires January 15, 2007.

8 SECTION 2. 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 on the 91st day after the last day of the
13 legislative session.