

Amend CSSB 8 in Article 1 of the bill by inserting the following new part, appropriately lettered, and relettering the subsequent parts of Article 1 accordingly:

PART ____ . STUDY OF UNFUNDED STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES

SECTION 1__ .01. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.032 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.032. STUDY OF UNFUNDED STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES.

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "State educational mandate" means a provision of a state statute or rule that requires:

(A) school district action to implement the provision; and

(B) an expenditure by a school district that would not have been required in the absence of the provision.

(2) "Unfunded state educational mandate" means a state educational mandate for which the legislature has not appropriated funds estimated to be sufficient to meet the state's share of financing the expenditure.

(b) The agency shall conduct a study of unfunded state educational mandates. The study must:

(1) identify existing unfunded state educational mandates, including any mandates created by a statute enacted by the 79th Legislature or a rule adopted under such a statute; and

(2) estimate the cost to school districts of complying with each unfunded state educational mandate the agency identifies.

(c) Each school district shall cooperate with the agency by providing information relating to the district's cost of implementing an unfunded state educational mandate. At the commissioner's request, the Legislative Budget Board, state auditor, comptroller, and other state officers and agencies shall assist the agency in conducting the study and analyzing information obtained from school districts.

(d) The agency shall:

(1) prepare a report containing the results of the study conducted under this section; and

(2) deliver the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and each member of the legislature not later than

December 15, 2006.

(e) This section expires January 15, 2007.