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H.B. No. 286

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a statewide student enrollment, attendance, and  
3 achievement tracking system.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 7, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 7.008 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7.008. STATEWIDE STUDENT ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND  
8 ACHIEVEMENT TRACKING SYSTEM. (a) Each school district shall  
9 participate in a system meeting standards approved by the  
10 commissioner to track each student enrolled in a public school in  
11 this state. A student tracking system must:

12 (1) produce detailed reports for agency officials and  
13 policymakers and update information on each student's:

14 (A) enrollment;

15 (B) attendance;

16 (C) achievement, including course or grade  
17 completion and assessment instrument results; and

18 (D) if applicable, specific reason for leaving a  
19 school or school district, such as transferring, graduating, or  
20 dropping out of school; and

21 (2) to facilitate the electronic transfer of student  
22 records and the evaluation and improvement of educational programs  
23 in the state, permit an authorized state or district official to  
24 electronically retrieve information about a particular student as

1 necessary.

2 (b) Each school district shall use the student tracking  
3 system.

4 (c) The commissioner may solicit and accept grant funds to  
5 maintain the student tracking system and to make the system  
6 available to school districts.

7 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2006-2007  
8 school year.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.