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H.B. No. 451

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study and report by the commissioner of education  
3 concerning public school students' campus and school district  
4 assignments and transfers, operation of public schools, and public  
5 school attendance.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 25.043 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 25.043. STUDY AND REPORT CONCERNING ASSIGNMENTS AND  
10 TRANSFERS, OPERATION OF SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. (a) To  
11 determine whether amending or repealing any provision of this  
12 subchapter or Subchapter C would improve school district fiscal  
13 efficiency or instructional capability, the commissioner shall  
14 study this subchapter and Subchapter C, including provisions  
15 relating to:

16 (1) the transfer of students to other campuses,  
17 districts, and counties;

18 (2) the length of the school day;

19 (3) school day interruptions;

20 (4) the first day of instruction for a school year;

21 (5) the number of days of instruction required for a  
22 school year; and

23 (6) the maximum number of excused absences a student  
24 is permitted.

1        (b) Based on the study under Subsection (a), not later than  
2 December 1, 2006, the commissioner shall submit a report to the  
3 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
4 representatives, and the presiding officers of the standing  
5 committees in the senate and house primarily responsible for public  
6 education. The report must include any recommendation for an  
7 amendment or repeal of a provision of this subchapter or Subchapter  
8 C.

9        (c) This section expires December 31, 2006.

10        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.