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H.B. No. 515

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standards adopted by the commissioner of education for adequacy of public school facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.008, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46.008. STANDARDS. The commissioner shall establish standards for adequacy of school facilities. The standards must include requirements related to ~~[space]~~ educational adequacy~~[7]~~ and construction quality. The standards may not include requirements related to space or square footage for a facility or any part of a facility. All new facilities ~~[constructed after September 1, 1998]~~ must meet the standards to be eligible to be financed with state or local tax funds.

SECTION 2. Section 42.352, Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. A public school facility whose construction begins on or after the effective date of this Act is not required to meet requirements related to space established by the commissioner of education under Section 46.008, Education Code, as that provision existed before amendment by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.