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S.B. No. 124

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 124:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to educational programs for students with autism or other pervasive developmental disorders.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.005, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The commissioner by rule may require a school district to include in the individualized education program of a student with autism or another pervasive developmental disorder any information or requirement authorized under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1400 et seq.).

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.0051. STUDY OF RULE CONCERNING CONTENT OF INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENT WITH PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER. (a) The agency shall establish a committee composed of parents of students with autism or other pervasive developmental disorders, teachers, school administrators, and other interested persons to study the rule concerning the content of an individualized education program for a student with autism or another pervasive developmental disorder (19 T.A.C. Section 89.1055(e)). School district employees or educational consultants or contractors who receive or are employed by entities that receive compensation from a school district may

1 not constitute more than 50 percent of the committee.

2 (b) In studying the rule, the committee shall consider
3 whether any other considerations, such as applied behavior
4 analysis, communication training, or the use of inclusive settings,
5 should be included in the rule.

6 (c) Not later than July 1, 2006, the committee shall
7 recommend to the commissioner any necessary changes to the rule.

8 (d) This section expires August 1, 2006.

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.