

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 188
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 14, 2005; February 1, 2005,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 March 29, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-5 Nays 0; March 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a memorandum of understanding between the Texas School
1-9 for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas Education Agency.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 30.005, Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 30.005. TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY
1-14 IMPAIRED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. The Texas Education Agency
1-15 and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired shall
1-16 develop, agree to, and by commissioner rule adopt [~~no later than~~
1-17 ~~September 1, 1998,~~] a memorandum of understanding to establish:

1-18 (1) the method for developing and reevaluating a set
1-19 of indicators of the quality of learning at the Texas School for the
1-20 Blind and Visually Impaired;

1-21 (2) the process for the agency to conduct and report on
1-22 an annual evaluation of the school's performance on the indicators;

1-23 (3) the requirements for the school's board to
1-24 publish, discuss, and disseminate an annual report describing the
1-25 educational performance of the school; [~~and~~]

1-26 (4) the process for the agency to:

1-27 (A) assign an accreditation status to the school;

1-28 (B) reevaluate the status on an annual basis; and

1-29 (C) if necessary, make on-site accreditation
1-30 investigations; and

1-31 (5) the type of information the school shall be
1-32 required to provide through the Public Education Information
1-33 Management System (PEIMS).

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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