

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 493

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reducing paperwork required of school districts and school district employees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.060. REDUCING PAPERWORK. (a) At least once each even-numbered year, the commissioner shall review and, to the greatest extent practicable, reduce written reports and other paperwork required of a school district by the agency.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt a policy that limits written reports and other paperwork that a principal or classroom teacher may be required by the agency to complete.

SECTION 2. Section 39.075, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The commissioner may authorize special accreditation investigations to be conducted in response to repeated complaints submitted to the agency concerning imposition of excessive paperwork requirements on classroom teachers.

SECTION 3. Subsection (b-1), Section 39.075, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.