

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 493
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2005; February 22, 2005,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 March 14, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 14, 2005,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 493 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to reducing paperwork required of school districts and
1-11 school district employees.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 7.060 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 7.060. REDUCING PAPERWORK. (a) At least once each
1-16 even-numbered year, the commissioner shall review and, to the
1-17 greatest extent practicable, reduce written reports and other
1-18 paperwork required of a school district by the agency.

1-19 (b) The commissioner shall adopt a policy that limits
1-20 written reports and other paperwork that a principal or classroom
1-21 teacher may be required by the agency to complete.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 39.075, Education Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (b-1) The commissioner may authorize special accreditation
1-25 investigations to be conducted in response to repeated complaints
1-26 submitted to the agency concerning imposition of excessive
1-27 paperwork requirements on classroom teachers.

1-28 SECTION 3. Subsection (b-1), Section 39.075, Education
1-29 Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2005-2006
1-30 school year.

1-31 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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