By: Staples   S.B. No. 1374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to notice regarding an exception from elementary school

3 class size limits.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 25.113, Education Code, is amended to

6 read as follows:

7   Sec. 25.113. NOTICE OF CLASS SIZE. (a) Before applying

8 for [A campus or district that is granted] an exception under

9 Section 25.112(d) from class size limits, a campus or school

10 district must [shall] provide written notice of the application for

11 an exception to the parent of or person standing in parental

12 relation to each student affected by the exception. The notice must

13 be in conspicuous bold or underlined print and:

14   (1) specify the class for which an exception from the

15 limit imposed by Section 25.112(a) is sought [was granted];

16   (2) state the number of children in the class for which

17 the exception is sought [was granted]; and

18   (3) be included in a regular mailing or other

19 communication from the campus or district, such as information sent

20 home with students.

21   (b) A school district may not submit an application for an

22 exception to the commissioner before the 10th business day after

23 the date the district provides the [The] notice required by

24 Subsection (a) [must be provided not later than the 31st day after:

1 [(1) the first day of the school year; or

2 [(2) the date the exception is granted, if the

3 exception is granted after the beginning of the school year].

4   SECTION 2.   Section 25.113, Education Code, as amended by

5 this Act, applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

6   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this

9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

10 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.