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H.B. No. 1002

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to intensive preparation academies to prepare public school students to take a state exit-level assessment instrument.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.0252 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.0252. EXIT-LEVEL ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT INTENSIVE PREPARATION ACADEMIES. (a) At the end of a school year in which 5% or more students in a school district fail to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument specified by Section 39.025(a), the districts selected according to Subsection d shall operate at least one intensive preparation academy to prepare those students to retake the assessment instrument.

(b) An intensive preparation academy must:

(1) be operated for at least 30 school days;

(2) include instruction in the curriculum material most likely to be included in the assessment instruments specified by Section 39.025(a); and

(3) include instruction in strategies for performing satisfactorily on the assessment instruments.

(c) A student who fails to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument specified by Section 39.025(a) shall attend each portion of an intensive preparation academy under this section relating to that assessment instrument or to strategies described

1 by Subsection (b)(3).

2 (d) Subsection (a) applies beginning with assessment
3 instruments administered during the 2008-2009 school year. For the
4 2007-2008 school year, the commissioner shall select at least 10
5 and not more than 25 school districts in which 5% or more students
6 failed to perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument
7 specified by Section 39.025(a) and administered during that school
8 year to operate intensive preparation academies for those students.
9 The commissioner shall select a group of districts that is diverse
10 in terms of:

11 (1) the number of students enrolled in each district;

12 (2) the race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status of
13 students in each district;

14 (3) the districts' characterization as urban,
15 suburban, or rural; and

16 (4) the districts' location in different geographic
17 regions of the state.

18 (e) Not later than December 15, 2008, the agency shall
19 deliver a written report to the legislature that reviews the
20 effectiveness of the intensive preparation academies operated
21 under Subsection (d). Subsection (d) and this subsection expire
22 January 15, 2009.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.