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H.B. No. 2220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the school funding formulas study group.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.008. SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULAS STUDY GROUP. (a) In this section, "group" means the school funding formulas study group.

(b) The commissioner shall establish a school funding formulas study group as provided by this section. The group must include:

(1) representatives of small, medium, and large school campuses;

(2) representatives of urban, suburban, and rural school districts;

(3) representatives of districts that are required to take action under Chapter 41 and districts that are not required to take such action; and

(4) one staff-level representative each of the following:

(A) the office of the lieutenant governor, designated by the lieutenant governor;

(B) the office of the speaker of the house of representatives, designated by the speaker;

1 (C) the Senate Education Committee, designated
2 by the chair of that committee; and

3 (D) the House Committee on Public Education,
4 designated by the chair of that committee.

5 (c) The commissioner shall determine the number of group
6 members. The commissioner may select a representative of a school
7 or school district to represent more than one interest described by
8 Subsection (b)(1), (2), or (3).

9 (d) The group shall:

10 (1) study the school funding formulas under Chapters
11 32 and 41 and this chapter; and

12 (2) make recommendations for simplifying the formulas
13 described by Subdivision (1).

14 (e) Agency staff shall provide technical assistance and
15 advice to the group.

16 (f) Not later than November 1, 2008, the group shall submit
17 to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
18 representatives, and each member of the legislature a report that
19 contains the group's recommendations under Subsection (d)(2).

20 (g) Chapter 2110, Government Code, other than Sections
21 2110.002, 2110.004(b) and (c), 2110.006, and 2110.007, applies to
22 the group.

23 (h) This section expires January 1, 2009.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.