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H.B. No. 2238

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the Public Education Information Management System
3 (PEIMS).

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 42.006, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (e) through (i) to
7 read as follows:

8 (d) The commissioner's rules must ensure that the Public
9 Education Information Management System links student performance
10 data to other related information, including teacher information,
11 for purposes of efficient and effective allocation of scarce school
12 resources, to the extent practicable using existing agency
13 resources and appropriations.

14 (e) The agency shall annually publish in an official agency
15 publication the data standards developed by the commissioner under
16 Subsection (c). The official agency publication must be widely
17 disseminated and include:

18 (1) descriptions of data collections and submission
19 requirements;

20 (2) descriptions of data elements and the codes used
21 to report them;

22 (3) detailed responsibilities of school districts,
23 open-enrollment charter schools, regional education service
24 centers, and the agency in connection with the data submission

1 processes, including each deadline for submission and
2 resubmission; and

3 (4) descriptions of the data submission requirements,
4 including submission record layout specifications and data edit
5 specifications.

6 (f) The commissioner shall establish a policy advisory
7 group to provide oversight of data collections and reporting
8 standards policies. The policy advisory group must be composed of
9 representatives of school districts, open-enrollment charter
10 schools, regional education service centers, state agencies, and
11 educational associations. The commissioner may establish
12 subcommittees consisting of technical experts and representatives
13 from user groups to provide timely and impartial reviews of
14 requested changes or additions to agency data collections and
15 reporting standards.

16 (g) The commissioner shall establish a committee within the
17 agency to provide oversight of agency data collections and
18 reporting policies. The commissioner shall also establish a
19 subcommittee within the agency to review data collections and
20 reporting standards. The subcommittee is responsible for
21 maintaining data collections at the agency.

22 (h) The commissioner may approve changes to data and
23 reporting standards without consulting a group, committee, or
24 subcommittee established under Subsection (f) or (g) if necessary
25 to expedite implementation of this section.

26 (i) The agency may contract with a public or private entity
27 for services relating to management of the Public Education

1 Information Management System.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.