

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 2516

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the imposition of sanctions by the commissioner of education on certain school districts that fail to comply with certain commitments and covenants.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.061 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.061. AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONER TO SANCTION CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a school district that:

(1) has a student enrollment of at least 150,000;

(2) is located in a county with a population of at least two million; and

(3) has adopted a declaration of commitments and covenants on release from supervision of a United States district court by a final court order.

(b) The commissioner may impose a sanction, including a monetary sanction, on a school district if the commissioner determines the district is not in compliance with the declaration described by Subsection (a)(3).

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

H.B. No. 2516

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.