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H.B. No. 2846

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study of state statutes, rules, and policies
3 regarding special education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 29.0021 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 29.0021. STUDY OF STATE LAWS AND POLICIES RELATED TO
8 SPECIAL EDUCATION. (a) The agency shall establish a committee
9 composed of teachers, school administrators, parents, and other
10 interested persons to study the state statutes, rules adopted under
11 those statutes, and any related policies involved in the statewide
12 design for delivery of services to children with disabilities in
13 this state.

14 (b) In studying the statutes, rules, and policies, the
15 committee shall:

16 (1) determine whether a statute, rule, or policy is
17 required under federal law;

18 (2) determine the method or means to eliminate any
19 statute, rule, or policy identified under Subdivision (1); and

20 (3) consider the fiscal impact to the state in
21 maintaining any statute, rule, or policy identified under
22 Subdivision (1).

23 (c) Not later than July 1, 2008, the committee shall
24 recommend to the legislature and the commissioner any necessary

1 changes to any statute, rule, or policy identified under Subsection
2 (b)(1).

3 (d) This section expires August 1, 2008.

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