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S.B. No. 1019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to establishment of a pilot program to provide early  
3 identification of public school students at risk of dropping out of  
4 school.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 29.096 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.096. EARLY WARNING DATA SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM. (a)  
9 Using funds appropriated for that purpose, the commissioner by  
10 rule shall establish a pilot program under which a participating  
11 school district, with assistance from the agency, creates an early  
12 warning data system to identify students likely to become at risk of  
13 dropping out of school, as described by Section 29.081(d).

14 (b) The commissioner shall select to participate in the  
15 pilot program school districts that have relatively high numbers of  
16 students dropping out of school.

17 (c) An early warning data system created under the pilot  
18 program must use student performance data and other indicators to  
19 identify at the earliest possible time students likely to become at  
20 risk of dropping out of school, as described by Section 29.081(d),  
21 so that appropriate intervention services may be provided to the  
22 students by the district.

23 (d) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to  
24 implement the pilot program.

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