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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring annual reporting of public school district
3 expenditures for extracurricular facilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.182(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) Not later than December 1 of each year, the agency shall
8 prepare and deliver to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
9 speaker of the house of representatives, each member of the
10 legislature, the Legislative Budget Board, and the clerks of the
11 standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with
12 primary jurisdiction over the public school system a comprehensive
13 report covering the preceding school year and containing:

14 (1) an evaluation of the achievements of the state
15 educational program in relation to the statutory goals for the
16 public education system under Section 4.002;

17 (2) an evaluation of the status of education in the
18 state as reflected by the academic excellence indicators adopted
19 under Section 39.051;

20 (3) a summary compilation of overall student
21 performance on academic skills assessment instruments required by
22 Section 39.023 with the number and percentage of students exempted
23 from the administration of those instruments and the basis of the
24 exemptions, aggregated by grade level, subject area, campus, and

1 district, with appropriate interpretations and analysis, and
2 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic
3 status;

4 (4) a summary compilation of overall performance of
5 students placed in a disciplinary alternative education program
6 established under Section 37.008 on academic skills assessment
7 instruments required by Section 39.023 with the number of those
8 students exempted from the administration of those instruments and
9 the basis of the exemptions, aggregated by district, grade level,
10 and subject area, with appropriate interpretations and analysis,
11 and disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic
12 status;

13 (5) a summary compilation of overall performance of
14 students at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by Section
15 29.081(d), on academic skills assessment instruments required by
16 Section 39.023 with the number of those students exempted from the
17 administration of those instruments and the basis of the
18 exemptions, aggregated by district, grade level, and subject area,
19 with appropriate interpretations and analysis, and disaggregated
20 by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic status;

21 (6) an evaluation of the correlation between student
22 grades and student performance on academic skills assessment
23 instruments required by Section 39.023;

24 (7) a statement of the dropout rate of students in
25 grade levels 7 through 12, expressed in the aggregate and by grade
26 level, and a statement of the completion rates of students for grade
27 levels 9 through 12;

1 (8) a statement of:

2 (A) the completion rate of students who enter
3 grade level 9 and graduate not more than four years later;

4 (B) the completion rate of students who enter
5 grade level 9 and graduate, including students who require more
6 than four years to graduate;

7 (C) the completion rate of students who enter
8 grade level 9 and not more than four years later receive a high
9 school equivalency certificate;

10 (D) the completion rate of students who enter
11 grade level 9 and receive a high school equivalency certificate,
12 including students who require more than four years to receive a
13 certificate; and

14 (E) the number and percentage of all students who
15 have not been accounted for under Paragraph (A), (B), (C), or (D);

16 (9) a statement of the projected cross-sectional and
17 longitudinal dropout rates for grade levels 9 through 12 for the
18 next five years, assuming no state action is taken to reduce the
19 dropout rate;

20 (10) a description of a systematic, measurable plan
21 for reducing the projected cross-sectional and longitudinal
22 dropout rates to five percent or less for the 1997-1998 school year;

23 (11) a summary of the information required by Section
24 29.083 regarding grade level retention of students and information
25 concerning:

26 (A) the number and percentage of students
27 retained; and

1 (B) the performance of retained students on
2 assessment instruments required under Section 39.023(a);

3 (12) information, aggregated by district type and
4 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic
5 status, on:

6 (A) the number of students placed in a
7 disciplinary alternative education program established under
8 Section 37.008;

9 (B) the average length of a student's placement
10 in a disciplinary alternative education program established under
11 Section 37.008;

12 (C) the academic performance of students on
13 assessment instruments required under Section 39.023(a) during the
14 year preceding and during the year following placement in a
15 disciplinary alternative education program; and

16 (D) the dropout rates of students who have been
17 placed in a disciplinary alternative education program established
18 under Section 37.008;

19 (13) a list of each school district or campus that does
20 not satisfy performance standards, with an explanation of the
21 actions taken by the commissioner to improve student performance in
22 the district or campus and an evaluation of the results of those
23 actions;

24 (14) an evaluation of the status of the curriculum
25 taught in public schools, with recommendations for legislative
26 changes necessary to improve or modify the curriculum required by
27 Section 28.002;

1 (15) a description of all funds received by and each
2 activity and expenditure of the agency;

3 (16) a summary and analysis of the instructional
4 expenditures ratios and instructional employees ratios of school
5 districts computed under Section 44.0071;

6 (17) a summary of the effect of deregulation,
7 including exemptions and waivers granted under Section 7.056 or
8 39.112;

9 (18) a statement of the total number and length of
10 reports that school districts and school district employees must
11 submit to the agency, identifying which reports are required by
12 federal statute or rule, state statute, or agency rule, and a
13 summary of the agency's efforts to reduce overall reporting
14 requirements;

15 (19) a list of each school district that is not in
16 compliance with state special education requirements, including:

17 (A) the period for which the district has not
18 been in compliance;

19 (B) the manner in which the agency considered the
20 district's failure to comply in determining the district's
21 accreditation status; and

22 (C) an explanation of the actions taken by the
23 commissioner to ensure compliance and an evaluation of the results
24 of those actions;

25 (20) a comparison of the performance of
26 open-enrollment charter schools and school districts on the
27 academic excellence indicators specified in Section 39.051(b) and

1 accountability measures adopted under Section 39.051(g), with a
2 separately aggregated comparison of the performance of
3 open-enrollment charter schools predominantly serving students at
4 risk of dropping out of school, as defined by Section 29.081(d),
5 with the performance of school districts;

6 (21) a summary of the information required by Section
7 38.0141 regarding student health and physical activity from each
8 school district;

9 (22) a summary of the information required by Section
10 39.203(b)(2) regarding extracurricular facilities from each school
11 district, as applicable; and

12 (23) ~~(22)~~ any additional information considered
13 important by the commissioner or the State Board of Education.

14 SECTION 2. Section 39.203(b), Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (b) The annual financial management report must include:

17 (1) a description of the district's financial
18 management performance based on a comparison, provided by the
19 agency, of the district's performance on the indicators adopted
20 under Section 39.202(b) to:

21 (A) state-established standards; and

22 (B) the district's previous performance on the
23 indicators;

24 (2) a list of each gymnasium, stadium, or other
25 recreational or extracurricular facility, including the following
26 information for each facility:

27 (A) the type of facility;

1 (B) if applicable, the year of the bond election
2 authorizing the financing of the facility;

3 (C) the year construction of the facility was
4 completed or the facility was acquired;

5 (D) the amount financed;

6 (E) the remaining balance of the debt; and

7 (F) the estimated cost to maintain the facility;

8 and

9 (3)[(2)] any other descriptive information required
10 by the commissioner.

11 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than the 2007-2008 school year,
12 each school district shall report information concerning
13 extracurricular facilities under Section 39.203(b), Education
14 Code, as amended by this Act.

15 (b) Not later than the 2008-2009 school year, the Texas
16 Education Agency shall include the information required by Section
17 39.182(a)(22), as amended by this Act, in the agency's
18 comprehensive annual report under Section 39.182, Education Code.

19 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008
20 school year.

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