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S.B. No. 1514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Education Agency regarding best practices for dropout prevention.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.031 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.031. STUDY OF BEST PRACTICES FOR DROPOUT PREVENTION.

(a) The agency shall:

(1) study the best practices of campuses and school districts in this state and other states regarding dropout prevention programs; and

(2) prepare a report regarding the findings of the study.

(b) The report under Subsection (a) must:

(1) identify any high-performing and highly efficient dropout prevention programs;

(2) identify the dropout prevention programs under Subdivision (1) that have the most potential for success in this state; and

(3) recommend legislation or other actions necessary to implement a dropout prevention program identified under Subdivision (2).

(c) Not later than December 1, 2008, the agency shall deliver the report produced under Subsection (a) to the governor,

1 the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
2 representatives, and the presiding officers of the standing
3 committees of each house of the legislature with primary
4 jurisdiction over public education.

5 (d) This section expires January 1, 2009.

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