

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1871 (Zaffirini/Hochberg)

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S.R. No. 1171

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th  
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, That Senate Rule 12.03 be  
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the  
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate  
5 Bill 1871 (the compilation and reporting by the Texas Education  
6 Agency of certain data regarding students enrolled in public school  
7 or in preschool programs) to consider and take action on the  
8 following matter:

9 Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to  
10 add the following:

11 SECTION 1. Section 28.006, Education Code, is amended by  
12 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as  
13 follows:

14 (d) The superintendent of each school district shall:

15 (1) report to the commissioner and the board of  
16 trustees of the district the results of the reading instruments;  
17 [~~and~~]

18 (2) report, in writing, to a student's parent or  
19 guardian the student's results on the reading instrument; and

20 (3) using the school readiness certification system  
21 provided to the school district in accordance with Section  
22 29.161(e), report electronically each student's raw score on the  
23 reading instrument to the agency for use in the school readiness  
24 certification system.

1       (d-1) The agency shall contract with the State Center for  
2 Early Childhood Development to receive and use scores under  
3 Subsection (d)(3) on behalf of the agency.

4       SECTION 3. Section 29.161, Education Code, is amended by  
5 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to  
6 read as follows:

7       (c) The system must:

8           (1) be reflective of research in the field of early  
9 childhood care and education;

10          (2) be well-grounded in the cognitive, social, and  
11 emotional development of young children; ~~and~~

12          (3) apply a common set of criteria to each program  
13 provider seeking certification, regardless of the type of program  
14 or source of program funding; and

15          (4) be capable of fulfilling the reporting and notice  
16 requirements of Sections 28.006(d) and (g).

17       (d) The agency shall collect each student's raw score  
18 results on the reading instrument administered under Section 28.006  
19 from each school district using the system created under Subsection  
20 (a) and shall contract with the State Center for Early Childhood  
21 Development for purposes of this section.

22       (e) The State Center for Early Childhood Development shall,  
23 using funds appropriated for the school readiness certification  
24 system, provide the system created under Subsection (a) to each  
25 school district to report each student's raw score results on the  
26 reading instrument administered under Section 28.006.

27       (f) The agency shall:

1           (1) provide assistance to the State Center for Early  
2 Childhood Development in developing and adopting the school  
3 readiness certification system under this section, including  
4 providing access to data for the purpose of locating the teacher and  
5 campus of record for students; and

6           (2) require confidentiality and other security  
7 measures for student data provided to the State Center for Early  
8 Childhood Development as the agency's agent, consistent with the  
9 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. Section  
10 1232g).

11           Explanation: The change is necessary to add provisions to  
12 the bill related to the collection of data regarding students  
13 enrolled in preschool programs.