

Amend CSHB 3 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.163 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.163. CAMPUS CLOSURES. (a) If the board of trustees of a school district proposes to close a campus, the board must:

(1) at least 10 days before the date of the first public meeting required under Subdivision (4), send written notice of the proposed closure, including a translation of the text of the notice into Spanish, by regular mail to:

(A) the parent of each child who would otherwise attend the campus during the first school year that the campus is proposed to be closed; and

(B) each elected official who represents territory included in the boundaries of the school district;

(2) provide a period of at least 90 days after the date notice is sent under Subdivision (1) for soliciting and considering public comment regarding the proposed closure;

(3) promptly make district documents associated with the proposed closure, other than documents that are confidential under law, available to the public through the Internet and by other means for persons without Internet access; and

(4) hold at least two public meetings during the period described by Subdivision (2) at which the district superintendent and board members are available to answer questions and receive comments, including questions and comments relating to the documents made available under Subdivision (3).

(b) If, after conclusion of the period described by Subsection (a)(2) and consideration of public comments, the board of trustees continues to conclude that the campus should be closed, the district must develop a written closure plan that:

(1) describes the ways in which each affected child's education will be altered as a result of the closure;

(2) identifies each educational program available at the campus being closed that will not be available at each campus to which students will be transferred as a result of the closure;

(3) describes the effect of the closure on student safety, including such elements as the number of registered sex offenders residing in the vicinity of each campus to which students will be transferred as a result of the closure; and

(4) addresses questions and comments raised by the public during the period described by Subsection (a)(2).

(c) The district must make the closure plan required by Subsection (b) available to the public through the Internet and by other appropriate means for persons without Internet access.