

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3041
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

School districts report data to many entities, including the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as well as other state and federal agencies. They are required to be aware of different reporting requirements and deadlines for educational, financial, and operations performance measures that occur throughout the school year and may change periodically. The workload resulting from reporting requirements are magnified for smaller districts, which often rely on a limited number of staff to keep informed about reporting requirements and deadlines.

The TEA and regional education service centers provide information about many of the reporting requirements. However, TEA does not provide districts with a comprehensive schedule of reporting requirements and deadlines. Without a comprehensive schedule of reporting deadlines and required data, districts must maintain their own schedules in order to comply with regulations and to avoid missing funding opportunities for educational programs.

H.B. 3041 requires TEA to develop and maintain a comprehensive schedule that addresses each reporting requirement generally applicable to a school district, including requirements imposed by an entity other than TEA, along with each requirement's deadline for compliance.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3041 amends the Education Code to require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop and maintain a comprehensive schedule that addresses each reporting requirement generally applicable to a school district, including requirements imposed by an entity other than the agency, and that specifies the date by which a school district must comply with each requirement. The bill requires TEA to determine the appropriate format of the schedule and the manner in which the schedule is made readily accessible to school districts.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.