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H.B. No. 1192

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a pilot project in certain school districts exempting
3 those districts from state requirements, restrictions, and
4 prohibitions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 11.004 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 11.004. DEREGULATION PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The
9 commissioner shall establish a pilot program under which
10 participating school districts are exempt from any requirement,
11 restriction, or prohibition imposed by this code or rule of the
12 State Board of Education or commissioner, except as provided by
13 Subsection (c).

14 (b) A school district may apply to the commissioner to
15 participate in the pilot program. Subject to receipt of acceptable
16 applications, the commissioner shall select for participation in
17 the pilot program six school districts as follows:

18 (1) two districts with small student enrollments, as
19 defined by the commissioner;

20 (2) two districts with mid-size student enrollments,
21 as defined by the commissioner; and

22 (3) two districts with large student enrollments, as
23 defined by the commissioner.

24 (c) A school district participating in the pilot program is

1 not exempt from:

2 (1) a requirement imposed by federal law or rule,
3 including any requirement for special education or bilingual
4 education programs;

5 (2) a requirement, restriction, or prohibition that is
6 necessary to meet eligibility standards for a federal entitlement,
7 as determined by the commissioner;

8 (3) a requirement, restriction, or prohibition
9 relating to public school accountability as provided by Subchapters
10 B, C, D, and G, Chapter 39; or

11 (4) a prohibition on conduct that constitutes a
12 criminal offense.

13 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
14 implement this section.

15 (e) This section expires September 1, 2011.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.