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H.B. No. 1692

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to accountability for gifted and talented programs

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.117, to read as follows:

Section 39.117. GIFTED AND TALENTED STANDARDS. The commissioner shall adopt standards for the evaluation of gifted and talented programs. A school that uses the Texas Performance Standards Project or another program approved by the commissioner that meets the requirements of the Texas state plan for the education of gifted and talented students under section 29.123 and receives a satisfactory rating under the standards set by the commissioner shall not be subject to the limitation under 42.156 (c) for the following two school years. If a district fails to receive a satisfactory rating for two consecutive school years, it shall be subject to the limitation under 42.156 (c) until the year following a satisfactory rating.

Section 2. Section 42.156 (c) is amended to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided in Section 39.117, not more than five percent of a district's students in average daily attendance are eligible for funding under this section.

Section 3. The commissioner shall adopt standards for the evaluation of gifted and talented programs for the evaluation of gifted and talented programs no later than September 1, 2010.

1           Section 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.