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H.B. No. 1754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the Texas Education Agency's online clearinghouse of
3 information concerning best practices for public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 7.009, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read
7 as follows:

8 (a) In coordination with the Legislative Budget Board, the
9 agency shall establish an online clearinghouse of information
10 relating to best practices of campuses, and school districts, and
11 open-enrollment charter schools. The agency shall determine the
12 appropriate topic categories for which a campus, district, or
13 charter school may submit best [~~regarding instruction, dropout~~
14 ~~prevention, public school finance, resource allocation, and~~
15 ~~business~~] practices. To the extent practicable, the agency shall
16 ensure that information provided through the online clearinghouse
17 is specific, actionable information relating to the best practices
18 of high-performing and highly efficient campuses and school
19 districts rather than general guidelines relating to campus and
20 school district operation. The information must be accessible by
21 campuses, school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and
22 interested members of the public.

23 (b) The agency shall solicit and collect from the
24 Legislative Budget Board, centers for education research

1 established under Section 1.005, and [~~exemplary or recognized~~
2 school districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools[
3 ~~as rated under Section 39.072,~~] examples of best practices as
4 determined by the agency under Subsection (a) [~~relating to~~
5 ~~instruction, dropout prevention, public school finance, resource~~
6 ~~allocation, and business practices, including best practices~~
7 ~~relating to curriculum, scope and sequence, compensation and~~
8 ~~incentive systems, bilingual education and special language~~
9 ~~programs, compensatory education programs, and the effective use of~~
10 ~~instructional technology, including online courses]~~.

11 (e) The agency shall create an incentive award to recognize
12 school districts, campuses, and open-enrollment charter schools
13 that submit eligible practices to the clearinghouse.

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