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H.B. No. 1800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an agreement regarding the respective responsibilities of a parent, student, and classroom teacher in certain school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 26.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.015. AGREEMENT REGARDING RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENT, STUDENT, AND CLASSROOM TEACHER. (a) This section applies only to a school district that:

(1) has a student enrollment of not more than 35,000;

(2) is located in a county that has a population of at least 3.4 million; and

(3) borders one or more school districts, each of which has a student enrollment of at least 40,000.

(b) A school district to which this section applies shall adopt a written agreement form for each grade level that specifies the responsibilities of a student's parent as well as the respective responsibilities of the student and each of the student's classroom teachers. The parent, the student, and a school district designee shall sign the appropriate agreement at the beginning of each school year.

(c) A student in prekindergarten, kindergarten, grade one, grade two, or grade three is not required to sign the agreement

1 described by this section.

2 (d) A school district to which this section applies shall
3 determine the manner in which the agreement will be enforced,
4 including any fines or other penalties for an individual's refusal
5 to sign the agreement or satisfy the individual's responsibilities
6 under the agreement.

7 (e) This section expires June 1, 2013.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.