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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2018:
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of a student representative on a district-level planning and decision-making committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Sections 11.251(b) and (e), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:
(b) The board shall adopt a policy to establish a districtand campus-level planning and decision-making process that will involve the professional staff of the district, parents, students, and community members in establishing and reviewing the district's and campuses' educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom instructional programs. The board shall establish a procedure under which meetings are held regularly by district- and campus-level planning and decision-making committees that include representative professional staff, parents of students enrolled in the district, business representatives, and community members. The board of trustees of a school district that includes at least one high school campus shall establish a procedure under which a student representative is included as a member of the district-level committee. The committees shall include a business representative without regard to whether the representative resides in the district or whether the business the person represents is located in the district. The board, or the board's designee, shall periodically meet with the district-level committee to review the district-level committee's deliberations.
(e) The board shall adopt a procedure, consistent with Section 21.407(a), for the professional staff in the district to nominate and elect the professional staff representatives who shall meet with the board or the board designee as required under this section. At least two-thirds of the elected professional staff representatives must be classroom teachers. The remaining staff representatives shall include both campus- and district-level professional staff members. Board policy must provide procedures for:
(1) the selection of parents to the district-level and campus-level committees; [and
(2) the selection of community members and business representatives to serve on the district-level committee in a manner that provides for appropriate representation of the community's diversity; and
(3) the selection of a student representative to the district-level committee.

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

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

