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H.B. No. 3523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a legislative outreach program requiring members of the State Board of Education to visit public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.117 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.117. BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM. (a) The board shall establish a program under which members of the board visit public schools in their districts. The board shall provide board members with the resources necessary to enable each member to effectively participate in the program.

(b) Under the program, each board member must visit at least three public schools in the member's district during each school year. To the extent practicable, during that period a board member shall visit at least one public school in each accreditation status recognized by the commissioner. Each visit must be planned in advance with the participating school and must include one or more opportunities for the board member to interact with students in discussions or activities.

SECTION 2. 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.