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H.B. No. 4111

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4111:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to public notice requirements and other provisions  
3 applicable to the board of trustees of a school district proposing  
4 to close a district campus.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 11.163 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 11.163. CAMPUS CLOSURES. (a) If the board of trustees  
9 of a school district proposes to close a campus, the board must:

10 (1) at least 10 days before the date of the first  
11 public meeting required under Subdivision (4), send written notice  
12 of the proposed closure, including a translation of the text of the  
13 notice into Spanish, by regular mail to:

14 (A) the parent of each child who would otherwise  
15 attend the campus during the first school year that the campus is  
16 proposed to be closed; and

17 (B) each member of the legislature who represents  
18 territory included in the boundaries of the school district;

19 (2) provide a period of at least 90 days after the date  
20 notice is sent under Subdivision (1) for soliciting and considering  
21 public comment regarding the proposed closure;

22 (3) promptly make district documents associated with  
23 the proposed closure, other than documents that are confidential  
24 under law, available to the public through the Internet and by other

1 means for persons without Internet access; and

2 (4) hold at least two public meetings during the  
3 period described by Subdivision (2) at which the district  
4 superintendent and board members are available to answer questions  
5 and receive comments, including questions and comments relating to  
6 the documents made available under Subdivision (3).

7 (b) If, after conclusion of the period described by  
8 Subsection (a)(2) and consideration of public comments, the board  
9 of trustees continues to conclude that the campus should be closed,  
10 the district must develop a written closure plan that:

11 (1) describes the ways in which each affected child's  
12 education will be altered as a result of the closure;

13 (2) identifies each educational program available at  
14 the campus being closed that will not be available at each campus to  
15 which students will be transferred as a result of the closure;

16 (3) describes the effect of the closure on student  
17 safety, including such elements as the number of registered sex  
18 offenders residing in the vicinity of each campus to which students  
19 will be transferred as a result of the closure; and

20 (4) addresses questions and comments raised by the  
21 public during the period described by Subsection (a)(2).

22 (c) The district must make the closure plan required by  
23 Subsection (b) available to the public through the Internet and by  
24 other appropriate means for persons without Internet access.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.