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H.B. No. 4497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to maximization of the amount of federal funding obtained  
3 by school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. FEDERAL FUNDING MAXIMIZATION STUDY. The  
6 comptroller of public accounts shall conduct a comprehensive study  
7 of federal funding sources, including federal funding provided  
8 through the Medicaid program and other health and human services  
9 programs, to determine the extent to which school districts in this  
10 state are failing to claim all available federal funds for services  
11 provided by school districts or services that could be provided by  
12 school districts if the federal funds were claimed.

13 SECTION 2. SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAINING. Based on the results  
14 of the study conducted under Section 1 of this Act, the Texas  
15 Education Agency shall develop and implement an initiative under  
16 which the agency provides detailed training to school districts as  
17 necessary to improve the ability of districts to claim all  
18 available federal funds. The training must specifically address  
19 the procedures for filing prompt and accurate claims for available  
20 federal funds.

21 SECTION 3. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Not later than January 1,  
22 2011, the comptroller and the Texas Education Agency shall submit a  
23 joint report to the legislature that addresses the results of the  
24 study conducted under Section 1 of this Act and describes the

1 training provided under Section 2 of this Act.

2           SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.       This Act takes effect  
3 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
4 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
5 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
6 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.