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S.B. No. 336

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to closing state schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.083, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 533.083. [~~CRITERIA FOR~~] EXPANSION, CLOSURE, OR CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITY. (a) The department shall establish objective criteria for determining when a new facility may be needed and when a facility may be expanded, closed, or consolidated.

(b) If the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission determines that temporarily or permanently closing a state school would result in a more efficient use of state money or other resources, the executive commissioner may close that state school.

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.