

By: Watson

S.B. No. 939

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the capability of the Public Education Information
3 Management System (PEIMS) to provide information regarding public
4 school students placed in foster care.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 42.006, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

8 (c-1) The commissioner's rules must ensure that the Public
9 Education Information Management System contains all information
10 necessary to permit the agency to track the performance of students
11 placed in foster care. As necessary to achieve that capability, the
12 Department of Family and Protective Services shall provide school
13 districts or the agency, as appropriate, with information regarding
14 the identity of students placed in foster care. Information
15 provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services under
16 this subsection or contained in the Public Education Information
17 Management System regarding the specific identity of students in
18 foster care is confidential, and the privacy of those students must
19 be protected in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner.

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