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S.B. No. 1490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requirements for the conduct of Texas Education Agency
special education due process hearings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.0161, Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 29.0161. CONTRACT WITH STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DUE PROCESS HEARINGS. The ~~[Not~~
~~later than December 1, 2003, the]~~ agency and the State Office of
Administrative Hearings shall ~~[jointly determine whether it would~~
~~be cost-effective for the agency to]~~ enter an interagency contract
for the purpose provided by this section. ~~The~~ ~~[with the office~~
~~under which the]~~ office shall ~~[would]~~ conduct ~~[all or part of]~~ the
agency's special education due process hearings under the terms of
the contract and under 20 U.S.C. Section 1415 ~~[and its subsequent~~
~~amendments]~~.

SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2010, the Texas
Education Agency and the State Office of Administrative Hearings
shall execute the contract required by Section 29.0161, Education
Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.