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H.B. No. 493

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to evaluation under the public school accountability system of the delivery of library resources.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.052(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In determining the accreditation status of a school district, the commissioner:

(1) shall evaluate and consider:

(A) performance on student achievement indicators described by Section 39.053(c); and

(B) performance under the financial accountability rating system developed under Subchapter D; and

(2) may evaluate and consider:

(A) the district's compliance with statutory requirements and requirements imposed by rule of the commissioner or State Board of Education under specific statutory authority that relate to:

(i) reporting data through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) or other reports required by state or federal law or court order;

(ii) the high school graduation requirements under Section 28.025; or

(iii) an item listed under Sections

1 7.056(e)(3)(C)-(I) that applies to the district;

2 (B) the effectiveness of the district's programs
3 for special populations; ~~and~~

4 (C) the effectiveness of the district's career
5 and technology program; and

6 (D) the effectiveness of the district's delivery
7 of resources from school libraries.

8 SECTION 2. Section 39.054, Education Code, is amended by
9 adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

10 (b-2) Consideration of the effectiveness of district
11 delivery of library resources under Section 39.052(b)(2)(D) must be
12 based on whether a library is located on each campus and whether a
13 librarian is employed by the district to staff a library at each
14 campus.

15 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
16 school year.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.