

1-1 By: Patrick (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 861
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2011;
1-3 April 4, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; April 26, 2011, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 26, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to membership of the state continuing advisory committee
1-9 for special education services.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 29.006, Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 29.006. CONTINUING ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The
1-14 governor shall appoint a continuing advisory committee, composed of
1-15 17 members, under 20 U.S.C. Section 1412(a)(21). At least one
1-16 member appointed under this subsection must be a director of
1-17 special education programs for a school district or for a shared
1-18 services arrangement of multiple school districts as provided by
1-19 Section 29.007.

1-20 (b) The appointments are not subject to confirmation by the
1-21 senate.

1-22 (c) Members of the committee are appointed for staggered
1-23 terms of four years with the terms of eight or nine members expiring
1-24 on February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

1-25 SECTION 2. Not later than February 1, 2013, the governor
1-26 shall appoint a member to the continuing advisory committee as
1-27 necessary to ensure that the composition of the committee complies
1-28 with Section 29.006, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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