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H.B. No. 1312

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the categories of performance for which a public school campus may receive a distinction designation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.203(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition to the distinction designations described by Subsections (a) and (b), a campus that satisfies the criteria developed under Section 39.204 shall be awarded a distinction designation by the commissioner for the following programs or the following specific categories of performance:

(1) academic achievement in English language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies;

(2) fine arts;

(3) physical education;

(4) 21st Century Workforce Development program; ~~and~~

(5) second language acquisition program; and

(6) school counseling program.

SECTION 2. Section 39.204(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Each committee established under this section must include:

(1) individuals who practice as professionals in the content area or service area relevant to the distinction

1 designation, as applicable;

2 (2) individuals with subject matter expertise in the
3 content area or individuals with demonstrated expertise in the
4 service area relevant to the distinction designation;

5 (3) educators with subject matter expertise in the
6 content area or educators with demonstrated expertise in the
7 service area relevant to the distinction designation; and

8 (4) community leaders, including leaders from the
9 business community.

10 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
11 school year.

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