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H.B. No. 1394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reports concerning the number of full-time librarians,
counselors, and school nurses who are employed at a public school.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 39.305(b) and (c), Education Code, are
amended to read as follows:

(b) The report card shall include the following
information:

(1) where applicable, the student achievement
indicators described by Section 39.053(c) and the reporting
indicators described by Sections 39.301(c)(1) through (5);

(2) average class size by grade level and subject;

(3) the administrative and instructional costs per
student, computed in a manner consistent with Section 44.0071;
~~and~~

(4) the district's instructional expenditures ratio
and instructional employees ratio computed under Section 44.0071,
and the statewide average of those ratios, as determined by the
commissioner;

(5) the number of full-time:

(A) librarians;

(B) counselors certified under Subchapter B,
Chapter 21; and

(C) school nurses; and

1 (6) the number of students per counselor certified
2 under Subchapter B, Chapter 21.

3 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules requiring
4 dissemination of the information required under Subsections
5 (b)(4), (5), and (6) [~~Subsection (b)(4)~~] and appropriate class
6 size and student performance portions of campus report cards
7 annually to the parent, guardian, conservator, or other person
8 having lawful control of each student at the campus. On written
9 request, the school district shall provide a copy of a campus report
10 card to any other party.

11 SECTION 2. Sections 39.306(a) and (e), Education Code, are
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Each board of trustees shall publish an annual report
14 describing the educational performance of the district and of each
15 campus in the district that includes uniform student performance
16 and descriptive information as determined under rules adopted by
17 the commissioner. The annual report must also include:

18 (1) campus performance objectives established under
19 Section 11.253 and the progress of each campus toward those
20 objectives, which shall be available to the public;

21 (2) information indicating the district's
22 accreditation status and identifying each district campus awarded a
23 distinction designation under Subchapter G or considered an
24 unacceptable campus under Subchapter E;

25 (3) the district's current special education
26 compliance status with the agency;

27 (4) a statement of the number, rate, and type of

1 violent or criminal incidents that occurred on each district
2 campus, to the extent permitted under the Family Educational Rights
3 and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g);

4 (5) information concerning school violence prevention
5 and violence intervention policies and procedures that the district
6 is using to protect students;

7 (6) the findings that result from evaluations
8 conducted under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
9 [~~of 1994~~] (20 U.S.C. Section 7101 et seq.); [~~and~~]

10 (7) information received under Section 51.403(e) for
11 each high school campus in the district, presented in a form
12 determined by the commissioner; and

13 (8) for each campus, the number of full-time:

14 (A) librarians;

15 (B) counselors certified under Subchapter B,
16 Chapter 21; and

17 (C) school nurses.

18 (e) The report may include the following information:

19 (1) student information, including total enrollment,
20 enrollment by ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and grade groupings
21 and retention rates;

22 (2) financial information, including revenues and
23 expenditures;

24 (3) staff information in addition to the information
25 required under Subsection (a)(8), including number and type of
26 staff by sex, ethnicity, years of experience, and highest degree
27 held, teacher and administrator salaries, and teacher turnover;

1 (4) program information, including student enrollment
2 by program, teachers by program, and instructional operating
3 expenditures by program; and

4 (5) the number of students placed in a disciplinary
5 alternative education program under Chapter 37.

6 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
7 school year.

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