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H.B. No. 1423

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to restrictions on written information required to be provided by public school teachers and a study by the commissioner of education concerning implementation of the restrictions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.060, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) The commissioner shall conduct a study of how a school district can timely accomplish the results prescribed under Section 11.164(d) concerning reduction in the written information a teacher is required to prepare. Not later than January 1, 2013, the commissioner shall submit the results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officers of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over public education and make the results available to each school district in this state. This subsection expires January 31, 2013.

SECTION 2. Section 11.164, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to the requirements otherwise prescribed by this section, the board of trustees of each school district shall adopt policies that result in a reduction of at least 50 percent in the total amount of written information that a teacher is required to prepare, as determined in comparison to the total amount of

1 written information required to be prepared by a teacher during the  
2 2011-2012 school year. A school district shall implement the  
3 policies required by this subsection beginning not later than the  
4 2014-2015 school year. This subsection expires September 1, 2015.

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