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H.B. No. 2473

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the closure of a school campus by the board of trustees of a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.172 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.172. CAMPUS CLOSURE. (a) Before ordering the closure of a school campus, the board of trustees of a school district shall hold a public hearing at which residents of the district may comment on the proposed closure. The hearing may be held at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board of trustees.

(b) Not later than the seventh day before the date of the hearing, the board must:

(1) provide written notice of the hearing to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to each student affected by the closure; and

(2) publish notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the district.

(c) The notice of the hearing required by Subsection (b) must include:

(1) the subject matter of the hearing, including the reason for the proposed closure; and

(2) the location, date, and time of the hearing.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.