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H.B. No. 2747

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reporting information regarding public school student
3 dropout rates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 7.008, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) The procedures developed under this section must
9 provide:

10 (1) a summarized format easily understood by the
11 public for reporting financial and academic performance
12 information, including information relating to student dropout
13 rates, on the agency Internet website; and

14 (2) the ability for those who access the Internet
15 website to view and download state, district, and campus level
16 information.

17 (c-1) For purposes of Subsection (c), the home page of the
18 agency's Internet website must include a prominent link to
19 information relating to student dropout rates.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter J, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 39.309 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 39.309. DROPOUT INFORMATION MAINTAINED ON DISTRICT
23 WEBSITE. (a) A school district shall maintain on the home page of
24 the district's Internet website a prominent link to a summarized

1 format easily understood by the public in which the district posts
2 information reported under Section 42.006(c-1) relating to student
3 dropout rates.

4 (b) This section does not authorize the disclosure of
5 student information that may not be disclosed under the Family
6 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section
7 1232g). A school district shall comply with rules adopted by the
8 commissioner under Section 7.008 to protect the confidentiality of
9 student information.

10 SECTION 3. Section 42.006, Education Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

12 (c-1) For purposes of Subsection (c)(1), each school
13 district shall report information relating to student dropout rates
14 each six-week period during the school year.

15 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
16 school year.

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