

1-1 By: Smith of Tarrant (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 2971
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2011;
1-3 April 26, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 19, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the confidentiality of documents evaluating the
1-9 performance of public school teachers and administrators.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 21.355, Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 21.355. CONFIDENTIALITY. A document evaluating the
1-14 performance of a teacher or administrator, including a teacher or
1-15 administrator employed by an open-enrollment charter school, is
1-16 confidential.

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 21.355, Education Code, as amended by
1-18 this Act, applies to each document described by that section,
1-19 regardless of whether the document was created before, on, or after
1-20 the effective date of this Act.

1-21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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