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H.B. No. 3625

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a task force on school district administrative efficiency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0031 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0031. TASK FORCE ON ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY. (a)

A task force shall be established to review and analyze agency data collected from school districts on the costs of district administrative services and to determine how school district administration may be made more efficient through administrative reorganization and consolidation.

(b) The task force shall be composed of seven members as follows:

(1) three members appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) a parent of a public school student in this state;

(B) a business person with professional experience relating to reorganization and modernization of a private or public organization; and

(C) a retired superintendent of a school district in this state;

(2) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor

1 as follows:

2 (A) a retired principal of a public school in
3 this state or a retired superintendent of a school district in this
4 state; and

5 (B) a person with not less than 10 years of
6 classroom teaching experience in a public school in this state; and

7 (3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house
8 of representatives as follows:

9 (A) a person employed by or otherwise associated
10 with an institution of higher education in this state who has an
11 academic degree or other background in economics, finance,
12 accounting, or business; and

13 (B) a person with professional experience
14 relating to reorganization and modernization of a private or public
15 organization or a retired superintendent of a school district in
16 this state.

17 (c) Appointments to the task force shall be made not later
18 than October 1, 2011.

19 (d) The first meeting of the task force shall be held not
20 later than November 1, 2011, at the call of the governor. At that
21 meeting, the members shall elect a presiding officer from among the
22 members.

23 (e) After the first meeting, meetings of the task force
24 shall be at the call of the presiding officer as necessary to
25 accomplish the goals of the task force.

26 (f) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall
27 be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

1 (g) The agency, the house of representatives, and the senate
2 shall provide staff support for the task force.

3 (h) A member of the task force is not entitled to
4 compensation for service on the task force but is entitled to
5 reimbursement for travel expenses as provided by Chapter 660,
6 Government Code, and the General Appropriations Act.

7 (i) Not later than December 1, 2012, the task force shall
8 submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
9 house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each
10 legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over
11 primary and secondary education or state fiscal appropriations
12 recommendations concerning how school district administration may
13 be made more efficient through administrative reorganization and
14 consolidation.

15 (j) This section expires January 1, 2013.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.