

1-1 By: Shapiro S.B. No. 596
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 596 By: Shapiro

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to transition planning for a public school student
1-11 receiving special education services.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 29.011, Education Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 29.011. TRANSITION PLANNING. The commissioner shall
1-16 by rule adopt procedures for compliance with federal requirements
1-17 relating to transition services for students who are enrolled in
1-18 special education programs under this subchapter. The procedures
1-19 must:

1-20 (1) provide that transition planning begins for a
1-21 student not later than when the student reaches 14 years of age; and

1-22 (2) specify the manner in which a student's admission,
1-23 review, and dismissal committee must consider, and if appropriate,
1-24 address the following issues in the student's individualized
1-25 education program:

1-26 (A) ~~[(1)]~~ appropriate student involvement in the
1-27 student's transition to life outside the public school system;

1-28 (B) ~~[(2)]~~ if the student is younger than 18 years
1-29 of age, appropriate parental involvement in the student's
1-30 transition;

1-31 (C) ~~[(3)]~~ if the student is at least 18 years of
1-32 age, appropriate parental involvement in the student's transition,
1-33 if the parent is invited to participate by the student or the school
1-34 district in which the student is enrolled;

1-35 (D) ~~[(4)]~~ any postsecondary education options;

1-36 (E) ~~[(5)]~~ a functional vocational evaluation;

1-37 (F) ~~[(6)]~~ employment goals and objectives;

1-38 (G) ~~[(7)]~~ social and recreational goals;

1-39 (H) ~~[(8)]~~ if the student is at least 18 years of
1-40 age, the availability of age-appropriate instructional
1-41 environments;

1-42 (I) ~~[(9)]~~ independent living goals and
1-43 objectives; and

1-44 (J) ~~[(10)]~~ appropriate circumstances for
1-45 referring a student or the student's parents to a governmental
1-46 agency for services.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 29.011, Education Code, as amended by
1-48 this Act, applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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