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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Y. Davis

Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) The State Board of Education shall establish the Independent School District Education Improvement Commission to examine the following issues:

(1) the potential efficiencies realized in the administrative operations of a small or medium size school district compared to a large size school district;

(2) the potential improvements in the systematic management of a small or medium size school district compared to a large size school district;

(3) the financial stability of operating a small or medium size school district, including bond structure, tax revenue, and state assistance;

(4) any increase in parent accessibility to school district administration in a small or medium size district;

(5) the effects of a small or medium size district on enhancing feeder pattern continuity; and

(6) the effect of a projected student's enrollment on the ability of the current school district to meet the educational needs of the student.

(b) The commission is composed of:

(1) one person appointed by the Texas Association of School Boards;

(2) one person appointed by the Texas Association of Business & Chamber;

(3) one person appointed by the Texas Association of African American Chamber of Commerce;

(4) one person appointed by the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce;

(5) one person appointed by the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce;

(6) two members of different political parties appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives from a list of at least 5 names submitted by the members of the house from each political party required by law to hold a primary;

(7) two members of different political parties appointed by the lieutenant governor from a list of at least 5 names submitted by the members of the senate from each political party required by law to hold a primary;

(8) one representative appointed by the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts;

(12) a dean or representative from the college of education - University of North Texas-Dallas;

(13) a dean or representative of the college of education - Southern Methodist University;

(14) one person from three different regional education service centers representing different geographical areas, appointed of Texas Education Agency;

(15) one member from the State Board of Education of each political party required by law to hold a primary, appointed by the governor;

(16) one member appointed by the Texas Education Agency;
and

(17) the comptroller.

(c) The two State Board of Education members serve as co-chairs of the commission.

(d) The Texas Education Agency shall provide all necessary administrative and research support.

(e) The commission may seek research support from the Council of the Great City Schools and the North Central Texas Council of Governments or any other entity.

(f) Not later than September 1, 2014, the commission shall submit a preliminary report regarding the commission's findings to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education, the Dallas Independent School District, Dallas County, the City of Seagoville, and the City of Dallas. Not later than December 31, 2014, a final report must be submitted to the entities listed above.