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H.B. No. 274

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting requirements related to school districts that
obtain exceptions from class size limits.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.112, Education Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) A school district granted an exception under Subsection
(d) for a school campus must report to the agency the number of
students in the largest class for each affected grade level at that
campus.

SECTION 2. Section 39.333, Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 39.333. REGIONAL AND DISTRICT LEVEL REPORT. The
agency shall prepare and deliver to the governor, the lieutenant
governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, each member
of the legislature, the Legislative Budget Board, and the clerks of
the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives
with primary jurisdiction over the public school system a regional
and district level report covering the preceding two school years
and containing:

(1) a summary of school district compliance with the
student/teacher ratios and class-size limitations prescribed by
Sections 25.111 and 25.112, including:

(A) the number of campuses and classes at each

campus granted an exception from Section 25.112; ~~and~~

(B) for each campus granted an exception from Section 25.112, a statement of whether the campus has been awarded a distinction designation under Subchapter G or has been identified as an unacceptable campus under Subchapter E; and

(C) for each campus granted an exception from Section 25.112, the number of students in the largest class for each affected grade level;

(2) a summary of the exemptions and waivers granted to campuses and school districts under Section 7.056 or 39.232 and a review of the effectiveness of each campus or district following deregulation;

(3) an evaluation of the performance of the system of regional education service centers based on the indicators adopted under Section 8.101 and client satisfaction with services provided under Subchapter B, Chapter 8;

(4) an evaluation of accelerated instruction programs offered under Section 28.006, including an assessment of the quality of such programs and the performance of students enrolled in such programs; and

(5) the number of classes at each campus that are currently being taught by individuals who are not certified in the content areas of their respective classes.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.