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H.B. No. 1786

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to including community and student engagement performance
3 in rating school districts and campuses under the public school
4 accountability system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 39.0541 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39.0541. PERFORMANCE REGARDING COMMUNITY AND STUDENT
9 ENGAGEMENT. (a) In assigning the district or campus a performance
10 rating under Section 39.054, the commissioner, in addition to
11 considering performance on student achievement indicators under
12 Section 39.053(c), shall consider whether a school district or
13 campus has established and supports programs with demonstrated
14 success in increasing parental involvement, student engagement,
15 and high school completion.

16 (b) In adopting rules to evaluate district and campus
17 performance under Section 39.054(a), the commissioner shall
18 develop a method for evaluating the performance of each district
19 and campus that has established programs described by Subsection
20 (a) and the performance of the programs in each of those districts
21 and campuses.

22 (c) For purposes of this section, a program described by
23 Subsection (a) includes:

24 (1) programs that establish a partnership between

1 schools and business and other organizations in school communities
2 to share resources;

3 (2) mentoring programs that foster student academic
4 development;

5 (3) programs that promote financial investment from
6 individuals in the community and business and other community
7 organizations to provide schools with opportunities to establish
8 and sustain an environment of educational excellence; and

9 (4) extracurricular programs.

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
11 school year.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.