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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to procedures for the submission by school districts of

3 amended data through the Public Education Information Management

4 System.

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

6   SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 42, Education Code, is

7 amended by adding Section 42.0061 to read as follows:

8   Sec. 42.0061. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION OF AMENDED DATA TO

9 PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (PEIMS). (a) To

10 promote the efficient and effective allocation of scarce school

11 resources, the commissioner shall permit each school district to

12 amend previous Public Education Information Management System data

13 submissions until the fifth anniversary of the date on which the

14 data was initially submitted for the purposes of providing accurate

15 data and recovering, in accordance with this section, any funds the

16 district is entitled to based on that accurate data.

17   (b) The commissioner shall appoint at least one contact

18 person in the agency to assist school districts with issues

19 involving recovery of funds based on an amended Public Education

20 Information Management System data submission.

21   (c) The commissioner shall maintain and make available the

22 application used for processing Public Education Information

23 Management System submissions as necessary to allow amended data to

24 be efficiently processed by a school district for purposes of this

1 section.

2   (d) A school district superintendent's certification of a

3 district's initial Public Education Information Management System

4 submission does not waive the district's right to amend the data for

5 purposes of this section.

6   (e) A third party with demonstrated competence in Public

7 Education Information Management System data and data analysis,

8 other than a certified public accountant, audit firm, or financial

9 audit firm, may prepare any amended data for submission under this

10 section.

11   (f) A school district's superintendent must certify that

12 amended data is correct and has been prepared by a party with

13 demonstrated competence in Public Education Information Management

14 System data and data analysis.

15   (g) A school district must maintain documentation necessary

16 to verify the amended data in electronic form or paper copy.

17   (h) An initial Public Education Information Management

18 System submission and any amended submission may be used as

19 documentation to support the recovery of funding under this

20 section. All amended data must comply with business rules in effect

21 for the year for which the data is being amended.

22   (i) After a school district submits amended data evidencing

23 entitlement to recovery of funds, the commissioner shall promptly

24 pay the district by adjustment to the district's allotments for

25 each year affected.

26   (j) A school district is not required to run data reports

27 from previous year data systems. The district may use the state

1 supported Internet application used for Public Education

2 Information Management System submissions for processing amended

3 data under this section.

4   (k) The commissioner shall adopt rules to administer this

5 section.

6   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.