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S.B. No. 1117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing teacher advisory councils to provide public advice on issues that affect public education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter Z to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER Z. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 8.901. TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCILS. (a) Each regional education service center shall establish a voluntary teacher advisory council as provided by this section.

(b) A teacher who is selected as a teacher of the year from a regional education service center region under a program in which the agency participates is entitled to serve as a member of the teacher advisory council.

(c) The teacher advisory council may be consulted by the agency, members of the legislature, school districts, public school teachers, and other parties as appropriate to provide advice on issues that affect public education, including the development and implementation of policies, procedures, and programs that affect public education.

(d) Each regional education service center shall make teleconferencing and other technological resources available to the teacher advisory council to accomplish the purposes of this section.

1 (e) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement and
2 administer this section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.