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S.B. No. 1263

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to allowing parents to petition for repurposing,
3 alternative management, or closure of certain public school
4 campuses.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.107(e-2), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (e-2) For purposes of this subsection, "parent" has the
9 meaning assigned by Section 12.051. Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of this chapter, if [if] the commissioner is presented,
11 in the time and manner specified by commissioner rule, a written
12 petition signed by the parents of a majority of the students
13 enrolled at a campus that is assigned an unacceptable performance
14 rating under Section 39.054 for two consecutive school years [to
15 which Subsection (e) applies], specifying the action described by
16 Subsection (e)(1), (2), or (3) that the parents request the
17 commissioner to order, the commissioner shall, except as otherwise
18 authorized by this subsection, order the specific action requested.
19 The commissioner shall verify that a petition received under this
20 subsection contains the required number of signatures. If the
21 board of trustees of the school district in which the campus is
22 located presents to the commissioner, in the time and manner
23 specified by commissioner rule, a written request that the
24 commissioner order specific action authorized under Subsection (e)

1 other than the specific action requested in the parents' petition
2 and a written explanation of the basis for the board's request, the
3 commissioner may order the action requested by the board of
4 trustees.

5 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
6 school year.

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