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S.B. No. 1409

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public information regarding facilities of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING FACILITIES

Sec. 46.101. AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION REGARDING FACILITIES. (a) For the purpose of providing information to the public regarding district or school facilities usage and taxpayer value, a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall:

(1) report data elements specified by commissioner rule to the agency through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) or a successor data management system maintained by the agency; and

(2) provide a direct link on the district's or school's Internet website to the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) or a successor data management system maintained by the agency through which the facilities information relevant to the specific district or school may be readily accessed.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including rules ensuring that the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) or a successor data management system maintained by the agency includes appropriate data elements regarding school facilities usage and taxpayer value.

1 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules for purposes of
2 Subsection (b) based on the recommendations of the Taxpayer Value
3 and School Facilities Usage Advisory Committee established under
4 Section 46.102. This subsection expires September 1, 2017.

5 Sec. 46.102. TAXPAYER VALUE AND SCHOOL FACILITIES USAGE
6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The Taxpayer Value and School Facilities
7 Usage Advisory Committee is established to serve the function
8 specified by this section.

9 (b) The committee consists of:

10 (1) the commissioner and the comptroller, who serve as
11 co-chairs of the committee; and

12 (2) the following persons, appointed jointly by the
13 commissioner and comptroller:

14 (A) a current school board member;

15 (B) a current school district administrator;

16 (C) a current public school teacher;

17 (D) a parent of a student currently enrolled in a
18 public school;

19 (E) a representative of the school construction
20 industry, who may be an engineer, architect, or contractor;

21 (F) a representative of the construction
22 industry who does not work on school construction, who may be an
23 engineer, architect, or contractor; and

24 (G) a member of the public.

25 (c) The commissioner and comptroller shall make the
26 appointments required by Subsection (b) not later than October 15,
27 2013.

1 (d) The committee shall meet to develop recommendations
2 regarding the data that should be considered in evaluating a school
3 district's or open-enrollment charter school's facility usage and
4 taxpayer value with regard to school facility construction and
5 renovation. The committee shall hold its initial meeting as soon as
6 possible after the committee members are selected, but not later
7 than November 15, 2013.

8 (e) Not later than December 31, 2014, the committee shall
9 develop its final recommendations and submit a report to the
10 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
11 representatives. The committee shall also make the report
12 available electronically to members of the legislature.

13 (f) Based on the recommendations developed by the
14 committee, the commissioner shall:

15 (1) ensure that the Texas Student Data System (TSDS)
16 or a successor data management system maintained by the agency
17 includes appropriate data elements regarding school facilities;
18 and

19 (2) adopt rules for purposes of Section 46.101.

20 (g) A committee member is not entitled to reimbursement of
21 expenses or to compensation.

22 (h) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
23 committee.

24 (i) This section expires September 1, 2017.

25 SECTION 2. Section 46.101, Education Code, as added by this
26 Act, applies to a school district or open-enrollment charter school
27 beginning on the effective date of rules adopted by the

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1 commissioner of education under Subsection (b), Section 46.101,
2 Education Code, as added by this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.