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S.B. No. 1799

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the period of time allowed for issuance of decisions by
3 the commissioner of education in certain appeals against school
4 districts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 7.057(c), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) In an appeal against a school district, the commissioner
9 shall, not later than the 180th day after the date the appeal is
10 filed, issue a decision based on a review of the record developed at
11 the district level under a substantial evidence standard of review.
12 A school district's disclosure of the record to the commissioner
13 under this subsection is not an offense under Section 551.146,
14 Government Code.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to an appeal filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
17 appeal filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by
18 the law in effect at the time the appeal was filed, and the former
19 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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