

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 1799  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 25, 2013, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 24, 2013,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 24, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Patrick	X		
1-9	Lucio	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Duncan	X		
1-12	Paxton	X		
1-13	Seliger	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		
1-15	Van de Putte	X		
1-16	West	X		

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1799 By: Lucio

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the period of time allowed for issuance of decisions by  
1-21 the commissioner of education in certain appeals against school  
1-22 districts.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 7.057, Education Code,  
1-25 is amended to read as follows:

1-26 (c) In an appeal against a school district, the commissioner  
1-27 shall, not later than the 240th day after the date the appeal is  
1-28 filed, issue a decision based on a review of the record developed at  
1-29 the district level under a substantial evidence standard of review.  
1-30 The parties to the appeal may agree in writing to extend, by not  
1-31 more than 60 days, the date by which the commissioner must issue a  
1-32 decision under this subsection. A school district's disclosure of  
1-33 the record to the commissioner under this subsection is not an  
1-34 offense under Section 551.146, Government Code.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-36 to an appeal filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
1-37 appeal filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
1-38 the law in effect at the time the appeal was filed, and the former  
1-39 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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