

Amend **HB 4** (senate committee report) by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter E, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.1545 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.1545. CLASS SIZE AND RATIO STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) The agency and the Department of Family and Protective Services shall conduct a joint study to develop recommendations regarding optimal class sizes and student to teacher ratios for prekindergarten classes. The agency and department shall base recommendations on:

(1) data collected from prekindergarten programs, including high quality prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E-1, reported through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS); and

(2) observations of best practices and examples from effective prekindergarten programs across the state.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2016, the agency shall submit a report to the legislature detailing the agency's findings and recommendations regarding class size and student to teacher ratios.

(c) This section expires January 1, 2017.