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H.B. No. 405

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate training
3 provided to members of a school district board of trustees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 11.1591 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 11.1591. TASK FORCE ON MEMBER TRAINING. (a) A task
8 force is established under this section to evaluate training
9 provided to members of a school district board of trustees and the
10 effect of that training on developing effective board of trustees
11 leadership.

12 (b) The task force shall be composed of members appointed by
13 the commissioner. In making appointments, the commissioner shall
14 ensure that the task force includes board members, superintendents,
15 representatives of regional education service centers involved in
16 providing training to board members, a representative of the State
17 Board of Education, a representative of the agency, and members of
18 the general public.

19 (c) A representative of the agency designated by the
20 commissioner shall serve as the presiding officer of the task
21 force.

22 (d) The commissioner shall appoint the members of the task
23 force not later than December 1, 2015.

24 (e) The presiding officer shall call the initial meeting of

1 the task force on or before January 1, 2016. The task force shall
2 meet at the times and places that the presiding officer determines
3 are appropriate. The task force shall adopt rules necessary to
4 fulfill the task force's duties under this section.

5 (f) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
6 task force.

7 (g) The task force shall evaluate whether training
8 currently provided to board members:

9 (1) enables board members to effectively make
10 decisions about school district budgets and other local school
11 financial matters;

12 (2) clearly delineates board member roles in guiding
13 educational policy and promoting student achievement without
14 engaging in daily administrative and financial details;

15 (3) provides tools for board members,
16 superintendents, schools, and the community to create successful
17 district-wide initiatives and achieve active parental engagement;
18 and

19 (4) prepares board members to establish a climate of
20 cooperation between the board members and superintendent that
21 promotes a caring environment for students while maintaining high
22 expectations.

23 (h) The task force shall prepare a report that includes:

24 (1) a description of the activities of the task force;

25 (2) the findings and recommendations of the task
26 force, including any proposed policy recommendations; and

27 (3) any proposals for legislation or other matters the

1 task force considers appropriate.

2 (i) Not later than September 1, 2017, the task force shall
3 deliver the report required by Subsection (h) to the governor, the
4 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
5 and the chair of the State Board of Education.

6 (j) The task force is abolished and this section expires
7 December 1, 2017.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.