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H.B. No. 879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to evaluating the performance of dropout recovery schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.0545, Education Code, as added by Chapter 167 (S.B. 1538), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) For purposes of evaluating a dropout recovery school[~~only the best result from the primary administration and any retake of an assessment instrument administered to a student in the school year evaluated~~] under the accountability procedures adopted by the commissioner:

(1) only a student enrolled continuously for at least one semester may be included and [may be] considered in determining the performance rating of the school under Section 39.054; and

(2) the results of the primary administration of an assessment instrument administered to a student and any retake of an assessment instrument administered to a student shall be included and considered in determining the performance rating of the school under Section 39.054.

(e) For purposes of evaluating a dropout recovery school under the accountability procedures adopted by the commissioner, the commissioner:

(1) may not authorize the use of a procedure to measure

1 student growth that is based on the percentage of students who,
2 based on each student's performance on an assessment instrument,
3 satisfy an established growth performance standard; and

4 (2) shall by rule establish a procedure to measure
5 student growth by:

6 (A) computing the average aggregate increase in
7 each student's performance on an assessment instrument; and

8 (B) including for purposes of the computation
9 under Paragraph (A) the results of any primary administration of an
10 assessment instrument administered to a student at another school
11 if the retake of the assessment instrument is administered by the
12 dropout recovery school.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
14 school year.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.