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H.B. No. 1727

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to petitions by parents of students for the repurposing,
3 alternative management, or closure of low-performing public school
4 campuses.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 39.107(a) and (e), Education Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) After a campus has been identified as unacceptable for
9 two consecutive school years, the commissioner shall order the
10 reconstitution of the campus, subject to Section 39.1071.

11 (e) If a campus is considered to have an unacceptable
12 performance rating for three consecutive school years after the
13 campus is reconstituted under Subsection (a), the commissioner,
14 subject to Subsection (e-1) or Section 39.1071 [~~(e-2)~~], shall
15 order:

- 16 (1) repurposing of the campus under this section;
17 (2) alternative management of the campus under this
18 section; or
19 (3) closure of the campus.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
21 amended by adding Section 39.1071 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 39.1071. PETITION BY PARENTS FOR REPURPOSING,
23 ALTERNATIVE MANAGEMENT, OR CLOSURE. (a) The parents of students
24 enrolled at a campus with an unacceptable performance rating under

1 Section 39.054 for two consecutive school years may, in the time and
2 manner specified by commissioner rule, submit a petition to the
3 commissioner requesting that the commissioner order one of the
4 following actions authorized by Section 39.107:

- 5 (1) repurposing of the campus;
- 6 (2) alternative management of the campus; or
- 7 (3) closure of the campus.

8 (b) If the petition is signed by the parents of a majority of
9 the students enrolled at the campus, the commissioner shall order
10 the specific action requested by the petition.

11 (c) For purposes of this section:

- 12 (1) "parent" has the meaning assigned by Section
13 12.051; and
- 14 (2) the signature of only one parent of a student is
15 required.

16 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement
17 this section.

18 SECTION 3. Sections 39.107(e-2) and (e-3), Education Code,
19 are repealed.

20 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
21 school year.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.