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H.B. No. 2176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public school performance ratings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.054, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner shall adopt rules to evaluate school district and campus performance and assign each district and campus a performance rating of A, B, C, D, or F. In adopting rules under this subsection, the commissioner shall determine the criteria for each designated letter performance rating. A district or campus performance rating of A reflects exemplary performance. A district or campus performance rating of B reflects recognized performance. A district or campus performance rating of ~~[, B, or]~~ C reflects acceptable performance. A [and a] district or campus performance rating of D or F reflects unacceptable performance. ~~[The commissioner shall also assign each campus a performance rating of exemplary, recognized, acceptable, or unacceptable. A campus performance rating of exemplary, recognized, or acceptable reflects acceptable performance, and a campus performance rating of unacceptable reflects unacceptable performance.]~~ A district may not receive a performance rating of A if the district includes any campus with a performance rating of D or F ~~[unacceptable]~~. A reference in law to an acceptable rating or acceptable performance

1 includes a performance rating of A or B or exemplary or recognized
2 performance.

3 (a-1) Not later than August 8 of each year, the performance
4 rating of each district and campus shall be made publicly available
5 as provided by rules adopted under this section [~~subsection~~]. If a
6 district or campus received a performance rating of D or F [~~that~~
7 ~~reflected unacceptable performance~~] for the preceding school year,
8 the commissioner shall notify the district of a subsequent such
9 designation on or before June 15.

10 SECTION 2. Section 44(b), Chapter 211 (H.B. 5), Acts of the
11 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is repealed.

12 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
13 school year.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.