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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to evaluation of public school performance and to student
3	physical fitness assessment.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. The heading to Section 39.053, Education Code,
6	is amended to read as follows:
7	Sec. 39.053. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: [STUDENT]
8	ACHIEVEMENT.
9	SECTION 2. Section 39.053, Education Code, is amended by
10	amending Subsections (a), (b), (c), (f), (g), and (g-1) and adding
11	Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:
12	(a) The commissioner shall adopt a set of indicators of the
13	quality of learning and [student] achievement. The commissioner
14	biennially shall review the indicators for the consideration of
15	appropriate revisions.
16	(a-1) The indicators adopted by the commissioner under
17	Subsection (a), including the indicators identified under
18	Subsection (c), must measure and evaluate school districts and
19	<pre>campuses with respect to:</pre>
20	(1) improving student preparedness for success in:
21	(A) subsequent grade levels; and
22	(B) entering the workforce, the military, or
23	<pre>postsecondary education;</pre>

(2) reducing, with the goal of eliminating, student

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- 1 academic achievement differentials among students from different
- 2 racial and ethnic groups and socioeconomic backgrounds; and
- 3 (3) informing parents and the community regarding
- 4 campus and district performance in the domains described by
- 5 Subsection (c) and, for the domain described by Subsection (c)(5),
- 6 in accordance with local priorities and preferences.
- 7 (b) Performance on the [student] achievement indicators
- 8 adopted under Subsections (c)(1)-(4) [this section] shall be
- 9 compared to state-established standards. The indicators must be
- 10 based on information that is disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and
- 11 socioeconomic status.
- 12 (c) School districts and campuses must be evaluated based on
- 13 five domains of indicators [Indicators] of [student] achievement
- 14 adopted under this section that [must] include:
- 15 (1) <u>in the first domain,</u> the results of:
- 16 (A) assessment instruments required under
- 17 Sections 39.023(a), (c), and (l), including the results of
- 18 assessment instruments required for graduation retaken by a
- 19 student, aggregated across grade levels by subject area, including:
- (i)  $\left[\frac{A}{A}\right]$  for the performance standard
- 21 determined by the commissioner under Section 39.0241(a), [+
- [(i)] the percentage of students who
- 23 performed satisfactorily on the assessment instruments, aggregated
- 24 across grade levels by subject area; and
- 25 (ii) [for students who did not perform
- 26 satisfactorily, the percentage of students who met the standard for
- 27 annual improvement, as determined by the agency under Section

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39.034, on the assessment instruments, aggregated across grade
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   levels by subject area; and
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                     [<del>(B)</del>] for the college readiness performance
   standard as determined under Section 39.0241, [+
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                          \left[\frac{(i)}{(i)}\right] the percentage of students
   performed satisfactorily on the assessment instruments, aggregated
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    across grade levels by subject area; and
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                    (B) assessment instruments required under
   Section 39.023(b), aggregated across grade levels by subject area,
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   including the percentage of students who performed satisfactorily
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   on the assessment instruments, as determined by the performance
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   standard adopted by the agency, aggregated across grade levels by
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   subject area;
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               (2) in the second domain:
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                    (A) for assessment instruments under Subdivision
   (1)(A):
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                          (i) for the performance standard determined
   by the commissioner under Section 39.0241(a), the percentage of
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   students who met the standard for annual improvement on the
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   assessment instruments, as determined by the commissioner by rule
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   or by the method for measuring annual improvement under Section
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    39.034, aggregated across grade levels by subject area; and
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                          (ii) for the college readiness performance
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   standard as determined under Section 39.0241, the percentage of
   students who met the standard for annual improvement on the
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   assessment instruments, as determined by the commissioner by rule
    or by the method for measuring annual improvement under Section
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   39.034, aggregated across grade levels by subject area; and
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                    (B) for assessment instruments under Subdivision
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   (1)(B), the percentage of students who met the standard for annual
   improvement on the assessment instruments, as determined by the
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   commissioner by rule or by the method for measuring annual
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   improvement under Section 39.034, aggregated across grade levels by
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   subject area;
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               (3) in the third domain, the student academic
   achievement differentials among students from different racial and
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   ethnic groups and socioeconomic backgrounds;
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               (4) in the fourth domain:
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                    (A) for evaluating the performance of high school
   campuses and districts that include high school campuses:
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                          (i)
                               [(ii) for students who did not perform
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   satisfactorily, the percentage of students who met the standard for
   annual improvement, as determined by the agency under Section
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   39.034, on the assessment instruments, aggregated across grade
   levels by subject area;
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               [\frac{(2)}{2}] dropout rates, including dropout rates and
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   district completion rates for grade levels 9 through 12, computed
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   in accordance with standards and definitions adopted by the
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22
   National Center for Education Statistics of the United States
   Department of Education;
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                          (ii) [<del>(3)</del>] high school graduation rates,
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   computed in accordance with standards and definitions adopted in
   compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C.
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   Section 6301 et seq.);
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                           \underline{\text{(iii)}} [\frac{\text{(4)}}{\text{)}}] the percentage of students who
    successfully completed the curriculum requirements
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    distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school
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    program;
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                           (iv) [\frac{(5)}{}] the percentage of students who
    successfully completed the curriculum requirements
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    endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1); [and]
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                           (v) the percentage of students who
    completed a coherent sequence of career and technical courses;
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                           (vi) [(6) at least three additional
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    indicators of student achievement to evaluate district and campus
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    performance, which must include either:
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                     [\frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda}] the percentage of students who satisfy the
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    Texas Success Initiative (TSI) college readiness benchmarks
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    prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under
    Section 51.3062(f) on an assessment instrument in reading, writing,
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        mathematics designated by the
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    Coordinating Board under Section 51.3062(c); [or]
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                           (vii) [(B)] the percentage
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    students who earn[+
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                           [<del>(i)</del>]
                                  at least 12 hours of postsecondary
    credit required for the foundation high school program under
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    Section 28.025 or to earn an endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1);
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                           (viii) the percentage of students who have
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    completed an advanced placement course;
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                           (ix) the percentage of students who enlist
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    in the armed forces of the United States; and
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                         (x) the percentage of students who earn
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   [(ii) at least 30 hours of postsecondary credit required for the
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   foundation high school program under Section 28.025 or to earn an
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   endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1);
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                          [(iii) an associate's degree; or
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                          [\frac{\text{(iv)}}{\text{)}}] an industry certification;
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                    (B) for evaluating the performance of middle and
   junior high school and elementary school campuses and districts
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   that include those campuses:
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                         (i) student attendance;
                         (ii) the percentage of elementary school
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   students assigned for two consecutive school years to a teacher
   who has less than one year of teaching experience or who does not
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   hold the appropriate certificate required under Section 21.003; and
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                         (iii) for middle and junior high school
   campuses, dropout rates, computed in the manner described by
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   Paragraph (A)(i); or
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                    (C) any additional indicators of student
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   achievement not associated with performance on standardized
   assessment instruments determined appropriate for consideration by
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   the commissioner in consultation with educators, parents, business
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   and industry representatives, and employers; and
               (5) in the fifth domain, three programs or specific
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   categories of performance related to community and student
   engagement locally selected and evaluated as provided by Section
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Annually, the commissioner shall define the

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- 1 standard for the current school year for each [student] achievement
- 2 indicator described by Subsections (c)(1)-(4) [Subsection (c)] and
- 3 shall project the state standards for each indicator for the
- 4 following two school years. The commissioner shall periodically
- 5 raise the state standards for the college readiness [student]
- 6 achievement indicator described by Subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii)
- 7  $[\frac{(c)(1)(B)(i)}{}]$  for accreditation as necessary to reach the goals of
- 8 achieving, by not later than the 2019-2020 school year:
- 9 (1) student performance in this state, disaggregated
- 10 by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, that ranks nationally
- 11 in the top 10 states in terms of college readiness; and
- 12 (2) student performance  $[\tau]$  with no significant
- 13 achievement gaps by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.
- 14 (g) In defining the required state standard for the dropout
- 15 <u>rate</u> indicator described by <u>Subsections (c)(4)(A)(i) and (B)(iii)</u>
- 16 [Subsection (c)(2)], the commissioner may not consider as a dropout
- 17 a student whose failure to attend school results from:
- 18 (1) the student's expulsion under Section 37.007; and
- 19 (2) as applicable:
- 20 (A) adjudication as having engaged in delinquent
- 21 conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision, as defined by
- 22 Section 51.03, Family Code; or
- 23 (B) conviction of and sentencing for an offense
- 24 under the Penal Code.
- 25 (g-1) In computing dropout and completion rates under
- 26 Subsections (c)(4)(A)(i) and (B)(iii) [Subsection (c)(2)], the
- 27 commissioner shall exclude:

- 1 (1) students who are ordered by a court to attend a
- 2 high school equivalency certificate program but who have not yet
- 3 earned a high school equivalency certificate;
- 4 (2) students who were previously reported to the state
- 5 as dropouts, including a student who is reported as a dropout,
- 6 reenrolls, and drops out again, regardless of the number of times of
- 7 reenrollment and dropping out;
- 8 (3) students in attendance who are not in membership
- 9 for purposes of average daily attendance;
- 10 (4) students whose initial enrollment in a school in
- 11 the United States in grades 7 through 12 was as unschooled refugees
- 12 or asylees as defined by Section 39.027(a-1);
- 13 (5) students who are in the district exclusively as a
- 14 function of having been detained at a county detention facility but
- 15 are otherwise not students of the district in which the facility is
- 16 located; and
- 17 (6) students who are incarcerated in state jails and
- 18 federal penitentiaries as adults and as persons certified to stand
- 19 trial as adults.
- SECTION 3. Effective September 1, 2015, Subchapter C,
- 21 Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.0535 to
- 22 read as follows:
- 23 <u>Sec. 39.0535. TEMPORARY PROVISION: ASSIGNMENT OF</u>
- 24 PERFORMANCE RATINGS. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the
- 25 commissioner shall assign each district and campus a performance
- 26 rating not later than August 15 of each year.
- 27 (b) This section expires September 1, 2016.

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SECTION 4. Effective September 1, 2016, Section 39.054(a),
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   Education Code, is amended to read as follows:
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              The commissioner shall adopt rules to evaluate school
   district and campus performance and assign each district and campus
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   a performance rating [of A, B, C, D, or F]. In adopting rules under
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   this subsection, the commissioner shall determine the criteria for
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                                              rating. [A district
          [<del>designated letter</del>] performance
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   performance rating of A, B, or C reflects acceptable performance
   and a district performance rating of D or F reflects unacceptable
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   performance. The commissioner shall also assign each campus a
   performance rating of exemplary, recognized, acceptable, or
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   unacceptable. A campus performance rating of exemplary,
   recognized, or acceptable reflects acceptable performance, and a
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   campus performance rating of unacceptable reflects unacceptable
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   performance. A district may not receive a performance rating of A
   if the district includes any campus with a performance rating of
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   unacceptable.] Not later than August 15 [8] of each year, the
   performance rating of each district and campus shall be made
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   publicly available as provided by rules adopted under
   subsection. If a district or campus received a performance rating
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   that reflected unacceptable performance for the preceding school
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   year, the commissioner shall notify the district of a subsequent
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   such designation on or before June 15.
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          SECTION 5. Effective September 1, 2017, Section 39.054,
   Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), (e),
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   and (f) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), and (a-4) to
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   read as follows:
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The commissioner shall, after consulting with the 1 (a) performance rating work group described by Subsection (a-3), adopt 2 rules to evaluate school district and campus performance and assign 3 each district and campus an overall [a] performance rating of A, B, 4 C, D, or F. In addition to the overall performance rating, the 5 commissioner shall assign each district and campus a separate 6 domain performance rating of A, B, C, D, or F for each domain under 7 Sections 39.053(c)(1)-(4). An overall or domain [In adopting rules 8 under this subsection, the commissioner shall determine the 9 criteria for each designated letter performance rating. A 10 district] performance rating of A reflects exemplary performance. 11 An overall or domain performance rating of B reflects recognized 12 performance. An overall or domain performance rating of [, B, or] C 13 reflects acceptable performance. An overall or domain [and a 14 15 district] performance rating of D or F reflects unacceptable performance. [The commissioner shall also assign each campus a 16 performance rating of exemplary, recognized, acceptable, 17 unacceptable. A campus performance rating of exemplary, 18 19 recognized, or acceptable reflects acceptable performance, and a 20 campus performance rating of unacceptable reflects unacceptable performance. A district may not receive an overall or domain [a] 21 performance rating of A if the district includes any campus with a 22 corresponding overall or domain performance rating of D or F 23 24 [unacceptable]. A reference in law to an acceptable rating or acceptable performance includes an overall or domain performance 25 26 rating of A, B, or C or exemplary, recognized, or acceptable 27 performance.

- (a-1) For purposes of assigning an overall performance 1 rating under Subsection (a), the commissioner shall attribute 55 2 percent of the performance evaluation to the achievement indicators 3 for the first, second, and third domains under Sections 4 39.053(c)(1)-(3), 35 percent of the performance evaluation to the 5 achievement indicators for the fourth domain under Section 6 7 39.053(c)(4), and 10 percent of the performance evaluation to the 8 locally selected and evaluated achievement indicators provided for under the fifth domain under Section 39.053(c)(5). 9 commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures to ensure that a 10 repeated performance rating of D or F or unacceptable in one domain, 11 particularly performance that is not significantly improving, is 12 reflected in the overall performance rating of a district or campus 13 14 and is not compensated for by a performance rating of A, B, or C in 15 another domain. (a-2) Not later than August 15 [8] of each year, the 16 17 performance ratings [rating] of each district and campus shall be made publicly available as provided by rules adopted under this 18 19 section [subsection]. If a district or campus received an overall or domain [a] performance rating of D or F [that reflected 20 unacceptable performance] for the preceding school year, the 21 commissioner shall notify the district of a subsequent such 22 designation on or before June 15. 23 24 (a-3) For the purpose of adopting rules under Subsection 25 (a), the commissioner shall convene a performance rating work group 26 comprised of individuals designated as follows:
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(1) two members of a school district board of

1 trustees, each of whom: 2 (A) is nominated by a statewide association that 3 serves school district board members; and 4 (B) serves on a separate school district board of 5 trustees; 6 (2) two superintendents, each of whom is nominated by 7 a statewide association that serves school superintendents; 8 (3) one elementary school principal who is nominated by a statewide association that serves elementary school 9 10 principals; 11 (4) one secondary school principal who is nominated by 12 a statewide association that serves secondary school principals; (5) four classroom educators, with one each nominated 13 by each of the four largest associations that serve educators in at 14 15 least 20 counties in this state; and (6) three parents designated by the commissioner, at 16 17 least one of whom must be the parent of a student who was enrolled at a campus that has received the lowest performance rating in one or 18 19 more of the three years preceding the designation of that parent by 20 the commissioner. 21 (a-4) If an association described by Subsection (a-3) fails to nominate one or more individuals for a position on the 22 performance rating work group, the commissioner may designate an 23

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the [student] achievement indicators for student performance on

individual who meets the appropriate qualifications to fill that

In evaluating school district and campus performance on

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- 1 <u>assessment instruments</u> [indicators] adopted under Sections
- 2 39.053(c)(1) and (2) and the dropout rate indicator adopted under
- 3 Sections 39.053(c)(4)(A)(i) and (B)(iii), the commissioner shall
- 4 define acceptable performance as meeting the state standard
- 5 determined by the commissioner under Section 39.053(f) [39.053(e)]
- 6 for the current school year based on:
- 7 (1) student performance in the current school year; or
- 8 (2) student performance as averaged over the current
- 9 school year and the preceding two school years.
- 10 (e) Each annual performance review under this section shall
- 11 include an analysis of the [student] achievement indicators adopted
- 12 under Sections 39.053(c)(1)-(4) [Section 39.053(c)] to determine
- 13 school district and campus performance in relation to [+
- 14  $\left[\frac{(1)}{1}\right]$  standards established for each indicator  $\left[\frac{1}{1}\right]$
- 15 [(2) required improvement as defined under Section
- 16  $\frac{39.053(e)}{}$ ].
- 17 (f) In the computation of dropout rates under Sections
- 18 39.053(c)(4)(A)(i) and (B)(iii) [Section 39.053(c)(2)], a student
- 19 who is released from a juvenile pre-adjudication secure detention
- 20 facility or juvenile post-adjudication secure correctional
- 21 facility and fails to enroll in school or a student who leaves a
- 22 residential treatment center after receiving treatment for fewer
- 23 than 85 days and fails to enroll in school may not be considered to
- 24 have dropped out from the school district or campus serving the
- 25 facility or center unless that district or campus is the one to
- 26 which the student is regularly assigned. The agency may not limit
- 27 an appeal relating to dropout computations under this subsection.

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- 1 SECTION 6. Sections 39.0545(b), (c), and (d), Education
- 2 Code, as added by Chapter 167 (S.B. 1538), Acts of the 83rd
- 3 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:
- 4 (b) Notwithstanding Section 39.053(c)(4)(A)(i)
- 5  $\left[\frac{39.053(c)(2)}{c}\right]$ , the commissioner shall use the alternative
- 6 completion rate under this subsection to determine the dropout rate
- 7 [student achievement] indicator under Section 39.053(c)(4)(A)(i)
- 8  $\left[\frac{39.053(c)(2)}{2}\right]$  for a dropout recovery school. The alternative
- 9 completion rate shall be the ratio of the total number of students
- 10 who graduate, continue attending school into the next academic
- 11 year, or receive a high school equivalency certificate to the total
- 12 number of students in the longitudinal cohort of students.
- 13 (c) Notwithstanding Section 39.053(c)(4)(A)(i)
- 14  $\left[\frac{39.053(c)(2)}{c}\right]$ , in determining the performance rating under
- 15 Section 39.054 of a dropout recovery school, the commissioner shall
- 16 include any student described by Section 39.053(g-1) who graduates
- 17 or receives a high school equivalency certificate.
- 18 (d) Notwithstanding Section 39.053(c), for purposes of
- 19 <u>evaluating</u> [For] a dropout recovery school <u>under the accountability</u>
- 20 procedures adopted by the commissioner to determine the performance
- 21 rating of the school under Section 39.054:
- (1)  $[\tau]$  only the best result from the primary
- 23 administration or [and] any retake of an assessment instrument
- 24 administered to a student in the school year evaluated [under the
- 25 accountability procedures adopted by the commissioner] may be
- 26 considered; and
- 27 (2) only a student enrolled continuously for at least

- 1 90 days during the school year evaluated may be considered [in
- 2 determining the performance rating of the school under Section
- 3 <del>39.054</del>].
- 4 SECTION 7. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
- 5 amended by adding Section 39.0546 to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 39.0546. PERFORMANCE IN COMMUNITY AND STUDENT
- 7 ENGAGEMENT AS COMPONENT OF OVERALL DISTRICT AND CAMPUS RATING. (a)
- 8 For purposes of including the local evaluation of districts and
- 9 campuses under Section 39.053(c)(5) and assigning an overall rating
- 10 under Section 39.054, before the beginning of each school year:
- 11 (1) each school district shall:
- 12 (A) select and report to the agency three
- 13 programs or categories under Section 39.0545(b)(1), as added by
- 14 Chapter 211 (H.B. 5), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
- 15 Session, 2013, under which the district will evaluate district
- 16 performance;
- 17 (B) submit to the agency the criteria the
- 18 district will use to evaluate district performance and assign the
- 19 district a performance rating; and
- 20 (C) make the information described by Paragraphs
- 21 (A) and (B) available on the district's Internet website; and
- 22 <u>(2) each campus shall:</u>
- 23 (A) select and report to the agency three
- 24 programs or categories under Section 39.0545(b)(1), as added by
- 25 Chapter 211 (H.B. 5), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
- 26 Session, 2013, under which the campus will evaluate campus
- 27 performance;

- 1 (B) submit to the agency the criteria the campus
- 2 will use to evaluate campus performance and assign the campus a
- 3 performance rating; and
- 4 (C) make the information described by Paragraphs
- 5 (A) and (B) available on the Internet website of the campus.
- 6 (b) Based on the evaluation under this section, each school
- 7 district shall assign the district and each campus shall assign the
- 8 campus a performance rating of A, B, C, D, or F, for both overall
- 9 performance and for each program or category evaluated. An overall
- 10 or a program or category performance rating of A reflects exemplary
- 11 performance. An overall or a program or category performance rating
- 12 of B reflects recognized performance. An overall or a program or
- 13 category performance rating of C reflects acceptable performance.
- 14 An overall or a program or category performance rating of D or F
- 15 <u>reflects unacceptable performance.</u>
- (c) On or before the date determined by the commissioner by
- 17 rule, each school district and campus shall report each performance
- 18 rating to the agency for the purpose of including the rating in
- 19 evaluating school district and campus performance and assigning an
- 20 overall rating under Section 39.054.
- 21 SECTION 8. Section 11.252(a), Education Code, is amended to
- 22 read as follows:
- 23 (a) Each school district shall have a district improvement
- 24 plan that is developed, evaluated, and revised annually, in
- 25 accordance with district policy, by the superintendent with the
- 26 assistance of the district-level committee established under
- 27 Section 11.251. The purpose of the district improvement plan is to

- 1 guide district and campus staff in the improvement of student
- 2 performance for all student groups in order to attain state
- 3 standards in respect to the [student] achievement indicators
- 4 adopted under Sections 39.053(c)(1)-(4) [Section 39.053]. The
- 5 district improvement plan must include provisions for:
- 6 (1) a comprehensive needs assessment addressing
- 7 district student performance on the [student] achievement
- 8 indicators, and other appropriate measures of performance, that are
- 9 disaggregated by all student groups served by the district,
- 10 including categories of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sex, and
- 11 populations served by special programs, including students in
- 12 special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29;
- 13 (2) measurable district performance objectives for
- 14 all appropriate [student] achievement indicators for all student
- 15 populations, including students in special education programs
- 16 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and other measures of student
- 17 performance that may be identified through the comprehensive needs
- 18 assessment;
- 19 (3) strategies for improvement of student performance
- 20 that include:
- 21 (A) instructional methods for addressing the
- 22 needs of student groups not achieving their full potential;
- 23 (B) methods for addressing the needs of students
- 24 for special programs, including:
- 25 (i) suicide prevention programs, in
- 26 accordance with Subchapter O-1, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
- 27 Code, which includes a parental or guardian notification procedure;

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                                conflict resolution programs;
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                                 violence prevention programs; and
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                                dyslexia treatment programs;
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                     (D)
                          integration of technology in instructional
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    and administrative programs;
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                     (E)
                          discipline management;
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   the district;
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                                  education to
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   developing the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for a
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   broad range of career opportunities; and
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                         accelerated education;
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                    strategies for providing to middle school, junior
   high school, and high school students, those students' teachers and
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   school counselors, and those students' parents information about:
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                     (A)
                         higher education admissions and financial
    aid opportunities;
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                          the TEXAS grant program and the Teach for
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   Texas grant program established under Chapter 56;
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                         the need for students to make informed
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   curriculum choices to be prepared for success beyond high school;
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                          sources of information on higher education
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   admissions and financial aid;
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strategies;

- 1 (6) staff responsible for ensuring the accomplishment
- 2 of each strategy;
- 3 (7) timelines for ongoing monitoring of the
- 4 implementation of each improvement strategy;
- 5 (8) formative evaluation criteria for determining
- 6 periodically whether strategies are resulting in intended
- 7 improvement of student performance; and
- 8 (9) the policy under Section 38.0041 addressing sexual
- 9 abuse and other maltreatment of children.
- SECTION 9. Sections 11.253(c) and (d), Education Code, are
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 (c) Each school year, the principal of each school campus,
- 13 with the assistance of the campus-level committee, shall develop,
- 14 review, and revise the campus improvement plan for the purpose of
- 15 improving student performance for all student populations,
- 16 including students in special education programs under Subchapter
- 17 A, Chapter 29, with respect to the [student] achievement indicators
- 18 adopted under Sections 39.053(c)(1)-(4) [Section 39.053] and any
- 19 other appropriate performance measures for special needs
- 20 populations.
- 21 (d) Each campus improvement plan must:
- 22 (1) assess the academic achievement for each student
- 23 in the school using the [student] achievement indicator system as
- 24 described by Section 39.053;
- 25 (2) set the campus performance objectives based on the
- 26 [student] achievement indicator system, including objectives for
- 27 special needs populations, including students in special education

- 1 programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29;
- 2 (3) identify how the campus goals will be met for each
- 3 student;
- 4 (4) determine the resources needed to implement the
- 5 plan;
- 6 (5) identify staff needed to implement the plan;
- 7 (6) set timelines for reaching the goals;
- 8 (7) measure progress toward the performance
- 9 objectives periodically to ensure that the plan is resulting in
- 10 academic improvement;
- 11 (8) include goals and methods for violence prevention
- 12 and intervention on campus;
- 13 (9) provide for a program to encourage parental
- 14 involvement at the campus; and
- 15 (10) if the campus is an elementary, middle, or junior
- 16 high school, set goals and objectives for the coordinated health
- 17 program at the campus based on:
- 18 (A) student fitness assessment data, including
- 19 any data from research-based assessments such as the school health
- 20 index assessment and planning tool created by the federal Centers
- 21 for Disease Control and Prevention;
- 22 (B) student academic performance data;
- 23 (C) student attendance rates;
- (D) the percentage of students who are
- 25 educationally disadvantaged;
- 26 (E) the use and success of any method to ensure
- 27 that students participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity

- 1 as required by Section 28.002(1); and
- 2 (F) any other indicator recommended by the local
- 3 school health advisory council.
- 4 SECTION 10. Section 12.1013(c), Education Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (c) The report must include the performance of each public
- 7 school in each class described by Subsection (b) as measured by the
- 8 [student] achievement indicators adopted under Sections
- 9 39.053(c)(1)-(4) [Section 39.053] and student attrition rates.
- SECTION 11. Section 29.062(a), Education Code, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 (a) The legislature recognizes that compliance with this
- 13 subchapter is an imperative public necessity. Therefore, in
- 14 accordance with the policy of the state, the agency shall evaluate
- 15 the effectiveness of programs under this subchapter based on the
- 16 [student] achievement indicators adopted under <u>Sections</u>
- 17 39.053(c)(1)-(4) [Section 39.053], including the results of
- 18 assessment instruments. The agency may combine evaluations under
- 19 this section with federal accountability measures concerning
- 20 students of limited English proficiency.
- 21 SECTION 12. Section 39.023(a-8), Education Code, as
- 22 effective on or before September 1, 2015, is amended to read as
- 23 follows:
- 24 (a-8) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
- 25 may, for its own use in determining whether students are performing
- 26 at a satisfactory level, administer to a student at the appropriate
- 27 grade level, other than a student required to be assessed, an

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- 1 assessment instrument developed for purposes of Subsection (a-4),
- 2 (a-5), or (a-6). At the request of a district or open-enrollment
- 3 charter school, the agency shall provide, allow for the
- 4 administration of, and score each assessment instrument
- 5 administered under this subsection in the same manner and at the
- 6 same cost as for assessment instruments required to be administered
- 7 under the applicable subsection. The results of an assessment
- 8 instrument administered under this subsection may not be included
- 9 as an indicator of [student] achievement under Section 39.053 or
- 10 any other provision.
- 11 SECTION 13. Section 39.052(b), Education Code, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 (b) In determining the accreditation status of a school
- 14 district, the commissioner:
- 15 (1) shall evaluate and consider:
- 16 (A) performance on [student] achievement
- 17 indicators described by Section 39.053(c); and
- 18 (B) performance under the financial
- 19 accountability rating system developed under Subchapter D; and
- 20 (2) may evaluate and consider:
- 21 (A) the district's compliance with statutory
- 22 requirements and requirements imposed by rule of the commissioner
- 23 or State Board of Education under specific statutory authority that
- 24 relate to:
- 25 (i) reporting data through the Public
- 26 Education Information Management System (PEIMS) or other reports
- 27 required by state or federal law or court order;

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- 1 (ii) the high school graduation
- 2 requirements under Section 28.025; or
- 3 (iii) an item listed under Sections
- 4 7.056(e)(3)(C)-(I) that applies to the district;
- 5 (B) the effectiveness of the district's programs
- 6 for special populations; and
- 7 (C) the effectiveness of the district's career
- 8 and technology program.
- 9 SECTION 14. Section 39.055, Education Code, is amended to
- 10 read as follows:
- 11 Sec. 39.055. STUDENT ORDERED BY A JUVENILE COURT OR STUDENT
- 12 IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITY NOT CONSIDERED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY
- 13 PURPOSES. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code except
- 14 to the extent otherwise provided under Section 39.054(f), for
- 15 purposes of determining the performance of a school district,
- 16 campus, or open-enrollment charter school under this chapter, a
- 17 student ordered by a juvenile court into a residential program or
- 18 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Juvenile
- 19 Justice Department, a juvenile board, or any other governmental
- 20 entity or any student who is receiving treatment in a residential
- 21 facility is not considered to be a student of the school district in
- 22 which the program or facility is physically located or of an
- 23 open-enrollment charter school, as applicable. The performance of
- 24 such a student on an assessment instrument or other [student]
- 25 achievement indicator adopted under Section 39.053 or reporting
- 26 indicator adopted under Section 39.301 shall be determined,
- 27 reported, and considered separately from the performance of

- 1 students attending a school of the district in which the program or
- 2 facility is physically located or an open-enrollment charter
- 3 school, as applicable.
- 4 SECTION 15. Section 39.056(b), Education Code, is amended
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 (b) The commissioner shall determine the frequency of
- 7 on-site investigations by the agency according to annual
- 8 comprehensive analyses of student performance and equity in
- 9 relation to the [student] achievement indicators adopted under
- 10 Section 39.053.
- 11 SECTION 16. Section 39.102(a), Education Code, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 (a) If a school district does not satisfy the accreditation
- 14 criteria under Section 39.052, the academic performance standards
- 15 under Section 39.053 or 39.054, or any financial accountability
- 16 standard as determined by commissioner rule, the commissioner shall
- 17 take any of the following actions to the extent the commissioner
- 18 determines necessary:
- 19 (1) issue public notice of the deficiency to the board
- 20 of trustees;
- 21 (2) order a hearing conducted by the board of trustees
- 22 of the district for the purpose of notifying the public of the
- 23 insufficient performance, the improvements in performance expected
- 24 by the agency, and the interventions and sanctions that may be
- 25 imposed under this section if the performance does not improve;
- 26 (3) order the preparation of a student achievement
- 27 improvement plan that addresses each academic [student]

- 1 achievement indicator under Section 39.053(c) for which the
- 2 district's performance is insufficient, the submission of the plan
- 3 to the commissioner for approval, and implementation of the plan;
- 4 (4) order a hearing to be held before the commissioner
- 5 or the commissioner's designee at which the president of the board
- 6 of trustees of the district and the superintendent shall appear and
- 7 explain the district's low performance, lack of improvement, and
- 8 plans for improvement;
- 9 (5) arrange an on-site investigation of the district;
- 10 (6) appoint an agency monitor to participate in and
- 11 report to the agency on the activities of the board of trustees or
- 12 the superintendent;
- 13 (7) appoint a conservator to oversee the operations of
- 14 the district;
- 15 (8) appoint a management team to direct the operations
- 16 of the district in areas of insufficient performance or require the
- 17 district to obtain certain services under a contract with another
- 18 person;
- 19 (9) if a district has a current accreditation status
- 20 of accredited-warned or accredited-probation, fails to satisfy any
- 21 standard under Section 39.054(e), or fails to satisfy financial
- 22 accountability standards as determined by commissioner rule,
- 23 appoint a board of managers to exercise the powers and duties of the
- 24 board of trustees;
- 25 (10) if for two consecutive school years, including
- 26 the current school year, a district has received an accreditation
- 27 status of accredited-warned or accredited-probation, has failed to

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- 1 satisfy any standard under Section 39.054(e), or has failed to
- 2 satisfy financial accountability standards as determined by
- 3 commissioner rule, revoke the district's accreditation and:
- 4 (A) order closure of the district and annex the
- 5 district to one or more adjoining districts under Section 13.054;
- 6 or
- 7 (B) in the case of a home-rule school district or
- 8 open-enrollment charter school, order closure of all programs
- 9 operated under the district's or school's charter; or
- 10 (11) if a district has failed to satisfy any standard
- 11 under Section 39.054(e) due to the district's dropout rates, impose
- 12 sanctions designed to improve high school completion rates,
- 13 including:
- 14 (A) ordering the development of a dropout
- 15 prevention plan for approval by the commissioner;
- 16 (B) restructuring the district or appropriate
- 17 school campuses to improve identification of and service to
- 18 students who are at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by
- 19 Section 29.081;
- 20 (C) ordering lower student-to-counselor ratios
- 21 on school campuses with high dropout rates; and
- (D) ordering the use of any other intervention
- 23 strategy effective in reducing dropout rates, including mentor
- 24 programs and flexible class scheduling.
- 25 SECTION 17. Section 39.263(a), Education Code, is amended
- 26 to read as follows:
- 27 (a) The criteria that the commissioner shall use to select

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- 1 successful schools and districts must be related to the goals in
- 2 Section 4.002 and must include consideration of performance on the
- 3 [student] achievement indicators adopted under Section 39.053(c)
- 4 and consideration of the distinction designation criteria
- 5 prescribed by or developed under Subchapter G.
- 6 SECTION 18. Section 39.301(b), Education Code, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 (b) Performance on the indicators adopted under this
- 9 section shall be evaluated in the same manner provided for
- 10 evaluation of the [student] achievement indicators under <u>Sections</u>
- 11 39.053(c)(1)-(4)[Section 39.053(c)].
- 12 SECTION 19. Section 39.305(b), Education Code, is amended
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 (b) The report card shall include the following
- 15 information:
- 16 (1) where applicable, the [student] achievement
- 17 indicators described by Section 39.053(c) and the reporting
- 18 indicators described by Sections 39.301(c)(1) through (5);
- 19 (2) average class size by grade level and subject;
- 20 (3) the administrative and instructional costs per
- 21 student, computed in a manner consistent with Section 44.0071; and
- 22 (4) the district's instructional expenditures ratio
- 23 and instructional employees ratio computed under Section 44.0071,
- 24 and the statewide average of those ratios, as determined by the
- 25 commissioner.
- 26 SECTION 20. Sections 39.332(b)(2) and (20), Education Code,
- 27 are amended to read as follows:

- 1 (2) The report must contain an evaluation of the
- 2 status of education in the state as reflected by:
- 3 (A) the [student] achievement indicators
- 4 described by Section 39.053; and
- 5 (B) the reporting indicators described by
- 6 Section 39.301.
- 7 (20) The report must contain a comparison of the
- 8 performance of open-enrollment charter schools and school
- 9 districts on the [student] achievement indicators described by
- 10 Section 39.053(c), the reporting indicators described by Section
- 11 39.301(c), and the accountability measures adopted under Section
- 12 39.053(i), with a separately aggregated comparison of the
- 13 performance of open-enrollment charter schools predominantly
- 14 serving students at risk of dropping out of school, as described by
- 15 Section 29.081(d), with the performance of school districts.
- 16 SECTION 21. Subchapter C, Chapter 38, and Sections
- 17 39.053(e) and 39.054(b), (d), and (d-1), Education Code, are
- 18 repealed.
- 19 SECTION 22. Not later than December 1, 2016, the
- 20 commissioner of education shall adopt the set of indicators to
- 21 measure and evaluate school districts and campuses as required by
- 22 Section 39.053, Education Code, as amended by this Act.
- SECTION 23. Not later than January 1, 2017, the
- 24 commissioner of education shall submit a report to the standing
- 25 committees of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over
- 26 primary and secondary education that provides for a preliminary
- 27 evaluation of school districts and campuses under Section 39.054,

- 1 Education Code. The report must include:
- 2 (1) the rating each school district and campus would
- 3 have received for the first through fourth domains of indicators as
- 4 provided by Sections 39.053(c)(1)-(4), Education Code, as amended
- 5 by this Act, for the 2015-2016 school year if the indicators adopted
- 6 by the commissioner of education under Section 39.053, Education
- 7 Code, as amended by this Act, existed during the 2015-2016 school
- 8 year;
- 9 (2) the correlation between each designated letter
- 10 performance rating the school district or campus would have
- 11 received and the percentage of students at each district and
- 12 campus:
- 13 (A) qualifying for the free or reduced-price
- 14 breakfast under the national school breakfast programs provided for
- 15 by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. Section 1773);
- 16 (B) that are students of limited English
- 17 proficiency as defined by Section 29.052, Education Code; and
- 18 (C) disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and
- 19 socioeconomic status used to assign ratings in the system.
- SECTION 24. (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and
- 21 (c) of this section, this Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
- 22 school year.
- 23 (b) Section 3 of this Act applies beginning with the
- 24 2015-2016 school year.
- 25 (c) Section 4 of this Act applies beginning with the
- 26 2016-2017 school year.
- 27 SECTION 25. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this

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