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H.B. No. 3992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas School Accountability Dashboard.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.309, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) The commissioner shall adopt, for use on the Texas School Accountability Dashboard, a performance index in each of the following areas:

(1) student achievement, using measures correlated with academic success, including:

(A) assessment program performance in grades 3 through 8;

(B) end-of-course exams, including alternative assessments under Section 39.023; and

(C) student participation in the University Interscholastic League;

(2) student progress, using measures that indicate academic growth, including student progress under the assessment program in grades 3 through 8 and end-of-course exams, disaggregated by:

(A) race;

(B) ethnicity; and

(C) populations served by special programs,

1 including special education, bilingual education, and special
2 language programs;

3 (3) closing performance gaps, using measures that
4 indicate achievement gaps, including growth in student
5 achievement, disaggregated by socioeconomic status, race, and
6 ethnicity, under the assessment program in grades 3 through 8 and
7 end-of-course exams compared to the same subgroup for the prior
8 year; and

9 (4) postsecondary readiness, using measures that
10 indicate college and career readiness, including:

11 (A) high school graduation rates;

12 (B) the number of career and technical
13 certifications awarded;

14 (C) the total number of college semester credit
15 hours earned; and

16 (D) the percentage of students that have:

17 (i) satisfied the Texas Success Initiative
18 (TSI) college readiness benchmarks prescribed by the Texas Higher
19 Education Coordinating Board under Section 51.3062(f) on any
20 assessment instrument designated by the coordinating board under
21 Section 51.3062(c) or qualified for an exemption as described by
22 Section 51.3062(p), (q), or (q-1); or

23 (ii) satisfied ACT's College Readiness
24 Benchmarks on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant or
25 earned on the SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400
26 or the equivalent.

27 (c) The Texas School Accountability Dashboard developed

1 under Subsection (a) shall be updated annually not later than
2 September 1 and must include:

3 (1) performance information for each school district
4 and campus in areas specified by Subsection (b) and must allow for
5 comparison between districts and campuses in each of the areas;

6 (2) a comparison of the number of students enrolled in
7 each school district, including:

8 (A) the percentage of students of limited English
9 proficiency, as defined by Section 29.052;

10 (B) the percentage of students who are unschooled
11 asylees or refugees, as defined by Section 39.027(a-1);

12 (C) the percentage of students who are
13 educationally disadvantaged; and

14 (D) the percentage of students with
15 disabilities;

16 (3) a comparison of performance information for each
17 district and campus disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and
18 populations served by special programs, including special
19 education, bilingual education, and special language programs; and

20 (4) a comparison of performance information by subject
21 area.

22 (d) In this section, "assessment program" means the
23 statewide assessment program created under this chapter.

24 SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency shall complete the
25 implementation of the Texas School Accountability Dashboard as
26 required under Section 39.309(a), Education Code, not later than
27 _____.

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