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S.B. No. 6

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 an overall [a] performance rating of A, B, C, D, or F and an indicator performance rating of A, B, C, D, or F for each student achievement indicator adopted under Section 39.053. In adopting rules under this subsection, the commissioner shall determine the criteria for each designated letter indicator performance rating. The commissioner shall also assign each district and campus an overall performance rating, based on the application of criteria adopted by the commissioner to the indicator performance ratings for the district or campus, that indicates whether the district or campus met overall performance standards. An overall or indicator [A—district] performance rating of A reflects exemplary performance. An overall or indicator performance rating of B reflects recognized performance. An overall or indicator performance rating of [B, or] C reflects acceptable performance. An overall or indicator [and a district] performance rating of D or F reflects unacceptable performance. [The commissioner shall also

1 ~~assign each campus a performance rating of exemplary, recognized,~~
2 ~~acceptable, or unacceptable. A campus performance rating of~~
3 ~~exemplary, recognized, or acceptable reflects acceptable~~
4 ~~performance, and a campus performance rating of unacceptable~~
5 ~~reflects unacceptable performance.]~~ A district may not receive an
6 overall or indicator [a] performance rating of A if the district
7 includes any campus with a corresponding overall or indicator
8 performance rating of D or F [~~unacceptable~~]. A reference in law to
9 an acceptable rating or acceptable performance includes an overall
10 or indicator performance rating of A or B or exemplary or recognized
11 performance.

12 (a-1) Not later than August 8 of each year, the performance
13 ratings [~~rating~~] of each district and campus shall be made publicly
14 available as provided by rules adopted under this section
15 [~~subsection~~]. If a district or campus received an overall or
16 indicator [a] performance rating of D or F [~~that reflected~~
17 ~~unacceptable performance~~] for the preceding school year, the
18 commissioner shall notify the district of a subsequent such
19 designation on or before June 15.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. 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.