

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 164
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 27, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 April 27, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 2; April 27, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Garcia	X			
1-12 Huffines		X		
1-13 Kolkhorst	X			
1-14 Rodríguez	X			
1-15 Seliger			X	
1-16 Taylor of Collin		X		
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a notification requirement if a school counselor is not
 1-22 assigned to a public school campus.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 33.008 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 33.008. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION CONCERNING SCHOOL
 1-27 COUNSELORS. (a) If a public school, including an open-enrollment
 1-28 charter school, does not have a full-time school counselor
 1-29 certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, assigned to the campus
 1-30 for more than 30 consecutive instructional days during the same
 1-31 school year, notice of the absence of a school counselor must be
 1-32 posted on the Internet website of:

1-33 (1) the school district; and
 1-34 (2) the school, if the school maintains an Internet
 1-35 website.

1-36 (b) The district and the school shall post the notice
 1-37 required by Subsection (a) not later than the 30th instructional
 1-38 day after the first day the school does not have a full-time school
 1-39 counselor assigned to the campus.

1-40 (c) The district and the school may include with the notice
 1-41 required by Subsection (a) information regarding when a school
 1-42 counselor is available at the campus.

1-43 (d) The district and the school shall:
 1-44 (1) make a good faith effort to ensure that the notice
 1-45 required by this section is provided in a bilingual form; and
 1-46 (2) retain a copy of any notice provided under this
 1-47 section.

1-48 (e) The commissioner may adopt necessary rules regarding
 1-49 the notice required by this section.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
 1-51 school year.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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