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S.B. No. 176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the Texas School Accountability Dashboard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (C) student participation in the University  
17 Interscholastic League;

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

22 (A) race;

23 (B) ethnicity; and

24 (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  
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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.