

Amend SB 2144 (house committee report) on page 3, between lines 26 and 27, by inserting the following:

Sec. 42.6071. STUDY AND REPORT ON SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. (a) In this section, "child with a disability" means a child who is:

(1) eligible to participate in a school district's special education program under Section 29.003; or

(2) protected by Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794).

(b) The commission shall conduct a study to determine the best educational services for, and methods of delivering those services to, children with disabilities to further the goal of enabling those children to achieve their maximum potential. The study must evaluate the provision of those services in traditional public schools, open-enrollment charter schools, and private schools.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2018, the commission shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over education a report on the results of the study and recommendations regarding the best methods of educating children with disabilities to further the goal of enabling those children to achieve their maximum potential.