



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. 21 (house committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering the
3 subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 42, Education Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 42.008 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 42.008. TEACHER SURVEY. (a) Out of the amount
7 appropriated for the basic allotment under the Foundation School
8 Program for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1,
9 2017, the commissioner shall set aside an amount, not to exceed
10 \$80,000, necessary to fund the administration of a survey of the
11 opinions of public school teachers in this state regarding the
12 efficacy of the public school finance system.

13 (b) The survey shall consist of questions developed
14 jointly by the committees of the senate and the house of
15 representatives with jurisdiction over public education. The
16 agency and the Legislative Budget Board shall provide support to
17 the committees, including recommendations for proposed questions
18 if requested by the committees.

19 (c) The survey shall be administered by a vendor selected
20 by the comptroller. The vendor shall be responsible for
21 providing the survey to each school district and open-enrollment
22 charter school in this state and providing any assistance
23 required by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools
24 in distributing the survey to teachers.

25 (d) The survey must:

26 (1) permit teachers to submit anonymous responses
27 directly to the vendor; and

28 (2) be conducted in accordance with a timeline that
29 requires teacher responses to be submitted to the vendor not

1 later than April 30, 2018.

2 (e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
3 may not require a teacher to provide any information to the
4 district or school regarding the teacher's responses to the
5 survey.

6 (f) For each school district and open-enrollment charter
7 school, the vendor shall notify the commissioner of the rate of
8 participation in the survey by teachers employed by the district
9 or school. For school districts or schools with high
10 participation rates, as determined by the commissioner, the
11 commissioner, in a manner considered appropriate by the
12 commissioner, shall include consideration of the participation
13 rate as a favorable additional factor in determining the
14 performance rating assigned to the district or school under
15 Section 39.054 for the 2017-2018 school year.

16 (g) The vendor shall submit the results of the survey to
17 the legislature and the governor not later than December 31,
18 2018.

19 (h) This section expires September 1, 2019.