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H.B. No. 1593

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the engagement strategies included in a school district's family engagement plan.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.168(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The agency shall collaborate with other state agencies, including the Health and Human Services Commission, that provide services for children from birth through five years of age to establish prioritized family engagement strategies to be included in a school district's family engagement plan. A parent-teacher organization, community group, or faith-based institution may submit to the agency recommendations regarding the establishment of family engagement strategies, and the agency, in establishing the family engagement strategies, shall consider any received recommendations. The engagement strategies must ~~be~~:

(1) be based on empirical research; ~~and~~

(2) be proven to demonstrate significant positive short-term and long-term outcomes for early childhood education; and

(3) include programs and interventions that engage a family in supporting a student's learning at home.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.