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H.B. No. 3861

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a public school campus's election under a campus  
turnaround plan to operate as a community school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39.107, Education Code, is amended by  
adding Subsections (b-13), (b-14) and (b-15) to read as follows:

(b-13) A campus turnaround plan developed under this  
section may permit a campus to operate as a community school. A  
plan to operate as a community school must include, in addition to  
the other requirements of this section, strategies and programs to  
coordinate academic, social, and health services and reduce  
barriers to learning through partnerships and service  
coordination.

(b-14) Programs and services offered by a campus operating  
as a community school under a campus turnaround plan may include:

(1) early childhood education;

(2) after-school and summer school academic and  
enrichment programs;

(3) college and career preparation;

(4) service learning opportunities, such as  
internships and community service programs;

(5) leadership and mentoring programs;

(6) activities to encourage community and parent  
engagement in students' education;

1           (7) health and social services for students and their  
2 families; and

3           (8) parenting classes.

4           (b-15) A campus that elects to operate as a community school  
5 under a campus turnaround plan must:

6           (1) establish a school community partnership team,  
7 composed of the members required for a campus-level planning and  
8 decision-making committee under Section 11.251 and additional  
9 community representatives, to coordinate with the campus  
10 intervention team for the campus;

11           (2) establish a partnership with a lead organization  
12 that has experience in developing and implementing a community  
13 school plan; and

14           (3) designate a school district employee or an  
15 employee of an organization with experience in developing and  
16 implementing a community school plan as the community school  
17 coordinator for the campus, whose duties must include the  
18 recruitment and coordination of services from community partners.

19           (4) develop a community school plan that satisfies the  
20 requirements for a campus improvement plan under Section 11.253;  
21 and

22           (5) gain approval for the community school plan from:

23           (A) at least 75 percent of campus faculty and  
24 staff and 75 percent of parents of students enrolled at the school;  
25 and

26           (B) the board of trustees of the school district  
27 in which the school is located.

1 SECTION 2. Section 39.107, Education Code, is amended by  
2 adding Subsection (s) to read as follows:

3 (s) The commissioner may not order the closure of a campus  
4 under this section without giving the campus the opportunity to  
5 operate as a community school under a campus turnaround plan and at  
6 least two years to implement the campus's community school plan.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.