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H.B. No. 4226

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the operation of the special education continuing
3 advisory committee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 29.006, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

7 (d) Committee meetings must be conducted in compliance with
8 Chapter 551, Government Code.

9 (e) The committee shall provide a procedure for members of
10 the public to speak at committee meetings. The procedure may not
11 require a member of the public to register to speak earlier than the
12 day of the meeting.

13 (f) The agency must post on the agency's Internet website:

14 (1) contact information for the committee, including
15 an e-mail address;

16 (2) notice of each open meeting of the committee;

17 (3) minutes of each open meeting of the committee; and

18 (4) guidance concerning how to submit public comments
19 to the committee.

20 (g) The committee shall develop a policy to encourage public
21 participation with the committee.

22 (h) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
23 committee shall submit a report to the legislature with recommended
24 changes to state law and agency rules relating to special

1 education. The committee shall include the committee's current
2 policy on encouraging public participation, as required by
3 Subsection (g), in the report.

4 SECTION 2. Section 29.006(d), Education Code, as added by
5 this Act, applies only to an open meeting of the special education
6 continuing advisory committee held on or after the effective date
7 of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.