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S.B. No. 436

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the committee shall submit a report to the legislature with recommended 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.