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.

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     President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

    I hereby certify that S.B. No. 436 passed the Senate on
May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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                                             Secretary of the Senate

    I hereby certify that S.B. No. 436 passed the House on
May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two
present not voting.

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                                             Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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         Date

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       Governor