

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 436
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 6, 2017; February 6, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 May 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell			X	
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the operation of the special education continuing
 1-22 advisory committee.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 29.006, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

1-26 (d) Committee meetings must be conducted in compliance with
 1-27 Chapter 551, Government Code.

1-28 (e) The committee shall provide a procedure for members of
 1-29 the public to speak at committee meetings. The procedure may not
 1-30 require a member of the public to register to speak earlier than the
 1-31 day of the meeting.

1-32 (f) The agency must post on the agency's Internet website:

1-33 (1) contact information for the committee, including
 1-34 an e-mail address;

1-35 (2) notice of each open meeting of the committee;

1-36 (3) minutes of each open meeting of the committee; and

1-37 (4) guidance concerning how to submit public comments
 1-38 to the committee.

1-39 (g) The committee shall develop a policy to encourage public
 1-40 participation with the committee.

1-41 (h) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
 1-42 committee shall submit a report to the legislature with recommended
 1-43 changes to state law and agency rules relating to special
 1-44 education. The committee shall include the committee's current
 1-45 policy on encouraging public participation, as required by
 1-46 Subsection (g), in the report.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 29.006(d), Education Code, as added by
 1-48 this Act, applies only to an open meeting of the special education
 1-49 continuing advisory committee held on or after the effective date
 1-50 of this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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