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S.B. No. 490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to information regarding the number of school counselors  
3 in public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 39.306, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

7 (d-1) The report must also include the number of school  
8 counselors providing counseling services at each campus.

9 SECTION 2. Section 42.006, Education Code, is amended by  
10 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

11 (a-2) The commissioner by rule shall require each school  
12 district and open-enrollment charter school to report through the  
13 Public Education Information Management System information  
14 regarding the availability of school counselors at each campus.  
15 The commissioner's rules shall require a district or school to  
16 report the number of full-time equivalent school counselors  
17 providing counseling services at a campus. For purposes of this  
18 subsection, "full-time equivalent school counselor" means 40 hours  
19 of counseling services a week. The agency shall maintain the  
20 information provided in accordance with this subsection.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.