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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 42.006, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

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

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.