

AN ACT

relating to certain powers and duties of the board of trustees of an independent school district and the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school and to abolishing certain county boards of education, boards of county school trustees, and offices of county school superintendent.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.151, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) For purposes of this section, a county board of education, as defined by a board of county school trustees, and office of county school superintendent in a county with a population of 2.2 million or more and that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than 800,000 are included within the definition of a school district and subject to the oversight of the agency.

SECTION 2. Section 11.1511, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The board may require a school district's chief business official or curriculum director or a person holding an equivalent position to appear at an executive session of the board or to testify at a public hearing held by the board. A superintendent may not interfere with an appearance or testimony required by the board under this subsection.

1 SECTION 3. Section 11.1512, Education Code, is amended by
2 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), (c-3),
3 and (g) to read as follows:

4 (c) A member of the board of trustees of the district, when
5 acting in the member's official capacity, has an inherent right of
6 access to information, documents, and records maintained by the
7 district, and the district shall provide the information,
8 documents, and records to the member without requiring the member
9 to submit a public information request under Chapter 552,
10 Government Code. The district shall provide the information,
11 documents, and records to the member without regard to whether the
12 requested items are the subject of or relate to an item listed on an
13 agenda for an upcoming meeting. The district may withhold or redact
14 information, a document, or a record requested by a member of the
15 board to the extent that the item is excepted from disclosure or is
16 confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code, or other law.
17 ~~[This subsection does not require the district to provide~~
18 ~~information, documents, and records that are not subject to~~
19 ~~disclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of~~
20 ~~1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g).]~~

21 (c-1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a
22 district shall provide a member of the board of trustees with
23 information, documents, and records requested under Subsection (c)
24 not later than the 20th business day after the date the district
25 receives the request. The district may take a reasonable
26 additional period of time, not to exceed the 30th business day after
27 the date the district receives the request, to respond to a request

1 if compliance by the 20th business day would be unduly burdensome
2 given the amount, age, or location of the requested information.
3 The district shall inform the trustee of the reason for the delay in
4 providing the requested information and the date by which the
5 information will be provided.

6 (c-2) If a district does not provide requested information
7 to a member of the board of trustees in the time required under
8 Subsection (c-1), the member may bring suit against the district
9 for appropriate injunctive relief. A member who prevails in a suit
10 under this subsection is entitled to recover court costs and
11 reasonable attorney's fees. The district shall pay the costs and
12 fees from the budget of the superintendent's office.

13 (c-3) A board member shall maintain the confidentiality of
14 information, documents, and records received under Subsection (c)
15 as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
16 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g) and any other applicable privacy laws.

17 (g) A district shall create a policy on visits to a district
18 campus or other facility by a member of the board of trustees of the
19 district.

20 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
21 amended by adding Sections 11.1515 and 11.1516 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 11.1515. OVERSIGHT OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. The board
23 of trustees of an independent school district or the governing body
24 of an open-enrollment charter school shall provide oversight
25 regarding student academic achievement and strategic leadership
26 for maximizing student performance.

27 Sec. 11.1516. DISTRICT DATA ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

1 (a) On request by the board of trustees of an independent school
2 district, the agency shall create an Internet website that members
3 of the board may use to review campus and district academic
4 achievement data. The website must also be made available to
5 campuses in a similar manner that access is provided to the board.

6 (b) The Internet website must:

7 (1) include district information, disaggregated by
8 campus, grade, sex, race, academic quarter or semester, as
9 applicable, and school year, regarding the following:

10 (A) student academic achievement and growth;

11 (B) teacher and student attendance; and

12 (C) student discipline records; and

13 (2) be updated at least once each quarter of the school
14 year.

15 (c) The commissioner shall provide information that permits
16 a board member to compare the district's academic performance with
17 the academic performance of other districts of similar size and
18 racial and economic demographics.

19 (d) A district must provide requested information to the
20 commissioner for the creation of an Internet website under this
21 section.

22 (e) Confidential information received by the commissioner
23 under this section from a district remains confidential. The
24 commissioner shall design the Internet website to ensure that:

25 (1) public information is made available to the
26 public; and

27 (2) information submitted by districts noted as

1 confidential is not made available to the public.

2 (f) A request for public information under this section
3 shall be submitted to the district that provides the agency with the
4 information. The agency may not release information submitted by a
5 district that is noted as confidential information.

6 (g) The agency may contract with a private entity as
7 necessary to implement this section.

8 (h) The commissioner may adopt rules for the implementation
9 of this section.

10 SECTION 5. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by
11 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read
12 as follows:

13 (b) A trustee must complete any training required by the
14 State Board of Education. The minutes of the last regular meeting
15 of the board of trustees held before an election of trustees [~~during~~
16 ~~a calendar year~~] must reflect whether each trustee has met or is
17 deficient [~~delinquent~~] in meeting the training required for the
18 trustee [~~to be completed~~] as of the first anniversary of the date of
19 the trustee's election or appointment [~~date of the meeting~~]. If the
20 minutes reflect that a trustee is deficient, the district shall
21 post the minutes on the district's Internet website within 10
22 business days of the meeting and maintain the posting until the
23 trustee meets the requirements.

24 (c) The State Board of Education shall require a trustee to
25 complete at least three hours of training every two years on
26 evaluating student academic performance. The training must be
27 research-based and designed to support the oversight role of the

1 board of trustees under Section 11.1515. A candidate for trustee
2 may complete the training up to one year before the candidate is
3 elected. A new trustee shall complete the training within 120 days
4 after the date of the trustee's election or appointment. A
5 returning trustee shall complete the training by the second
6 anniversary of the completion of the trustee's previous training.

7 (d) A trustee or candidate for trustee may complete training
8 required under Subsection (c) at a regional education service
9 center or through another authorized provider. A provider must
10 certify the completion of the training by a trustee or candidate.

11 SECTION 6. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 11.182 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 11.182. BOARD IMPROVEMENT AND EVALUATION TOOL.

14 (a) The commissioner shall develop a board of trustees improvement
15 and evaluation tool. The evaluation tool must be research-based
16 and designed to assist a school district in improving board
17 oversight and academic achievement.

18 (b) A board of trustees may determine whether to use the
19 evaluation tool, except as required by Section 39.102(a).

20 SECTION 7. Chapter 12A, Education Code, is amended by
21 adding Section 12A.0071 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 12A.0071. POSTING OF LOCAL INNOVATION PLAN. (a) A
23 school district designated as a district of innovation shall ensure
24 that a copy of the district's current local innovation plan is
25 available to the public by posting and maintaining the plan in a
26 prominent location on the district's Internet website.

27 (b) Not later than the 15th day after the date on which the

1 board of trustees adopts a proposed local innovation plan, adopts a
2 proposed amendment of a local innovation plan, or renews a local
3 innovation plan, the district shall provide a copy of the current
4 local innovation plan to the agency. The agency shall promptly post
5 the current local innovation plan on the agency's Internet website.

6 SECTION 8. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 25.0822 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 25.0822. PATRIOTIC SOCIETY ACCESS TO STUDENTS.

9 (a) In this section, "patriotic society" means a youth membership
10 organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code with an
11 educational purpose that promotes patriotism and civic
12 involvement.

13 (b) At the beginning of each school year, the board of
14 trustees of an independent school district shall adopt a policy to
15 allow the principal of a public school campus to provide
16 representatives of a patriotic society with the opportunity to
17 speak to students during regular school hours about membership in
18 the society and the ways in which membership may promote a student's
19 educational interest and level of civic involvement, leading to the
20 student's increased potential for self-improvement and ability to
21 contribute to improving the student's school and community.

22 (c) The board policy shall give a principal complete
23 discretion over the specific date and time of the opportunity
24 required to be provided under this section, except that the policy
25 shall allow the principal to limit:

26 (1) the opportunity provided to a patriotic society to
27 a single school day; and

1 (2) any presentation made to students as a result of
2 the opportunity to 10 minutes in length.

3 SECTION 9. Section 26.011, Education Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 26.011. COMPLAINTS. (a) The board of trustees of
6 each school district shall adopt a grievance procedure under which
7 the board shall address each complaint that the board receives
8 concerning violation of a right guaranteed by this chapter.

9 (b) The board of trustees of a school district is not
10 required by Subsection (a) or Section 11.1511(b)(13) to address a
11 complaint that the board receives concerning a student's
12 participation in an extracurricular activity that does not involve
13 a violation of a right guaranteed by this chapter. This subsection
14 does not affect a claim brought by a parent under the Individuals
15 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1400 et seq.) or
16 a successor federal statute addressing special education services
17 for a child with a disability.

18 SECTION 10. Section 29.918, Education Code, is amended by
19 adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

20 (d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school to
21 which this section applies shall, in its plan submitted under
22 Subsection (a):

23 (1) design a dropout recovery plan that includes
24 career and technology education courses or technology applications
25 courses that lead to industry or career certification;

26 (2) integrate into the dropout recovery plan
27 research-based strategies to assist students in becoming able

1 academically to pursue postsecondary education, including:

2 (A) high-quality, college readiness instruction
3 with strong academic and social supports;

4 (B) secondary to postsecondary bridging that
5 builds college readiness skills, provides a plan for college
6 completion, and ensures transition counseling; and

7 (C) information concerning appropriate supports
8 available in the first year of postsecondary enrollment to ensure
9 postsecondary persistence and success, to the extent funds are
10 available for the purpose; and

11 (3) plan to offer advanced academic and transition
12 opportunities, including dual credit courses and college
13 preparatory courses, such as advanced placement courses.

14 (e) A school district to which this section applies may
15 enter into a partnership with a public junior college in accordance
16 with Section 29.402 in order to fulfill a plan submitted under
17 Subsection (a).

18 (f) Any program designed to fulfill a plan submitted under
19 Subsection (a) must comply with the requirements of Sections
20 29.081(e) and (f).

21 SECTION 11. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 33.9031 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 33.9031. BEFORE-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

24 (a) The board of trustees of a school district may establish
25 before-school or after-school programs for students enrolled in
26 elementary or middle school grades. A program established under
27 this section may operate before, after, or before and after school

1 hours.

2 (b) A student is eligible to participate in a school
3 district's before-school or after-school program if the student:

4 (1) is enrolled in a public or private school; or

5 (2) resides within the boundaries of the school
6 district.

7 (c) A school district shall conduct a request for proposals
8 procurement process to enable the district to determine if
9 contracting with a child-care facility that provides a
10 before-school or after-school program, as defined by Section
11 42.002, Human Resources Code, to provide the district's
12 before-school or after-school program would serve the district's
13 best interests. Following the request for proposals procurement
14 process, the district may enter into a contract with a child-care
15 facility or implement a before-school or after-school program
16 operated by the district. If the district enters into a contract
17 with a child-care facility, the contract must comply with the
18 requirements of Section 44.031 and may not exceed a term of three
19 years.

20 (d) The board of trustees of a school district may adopt
21 rules in accordance with Section 11.165 to provide access to school
22 campuses before or after school hours for the purpose of providing a
23 before-school or after-school program.

24 SECTION 12. Section 33.908, Education Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Sec. 33.908. GRACE PERIOD POLICY FOR EXHAUSTED OR
27 INSUFFICIENT MEAL CARD OR ACCOUNT BALANCE. The board of trustees of

1 a [A] school district that allows students to use a prepaid meal
2 card or account to purchase meals served at schools in the district
3 [~~the school~~] shall adopt a grace period policy regarding the use of
4 the cards or accounts. The policy:

5 (1) must allow a student whose meal card or account
6 balance is exhausted or insufficient to continue, for a period
7 determined by the board [~~district~~], to purchase meals by:

8 (A) accumulating a negative balance on the
9 student's card or account; or

10 (B) otherwise receiving an extension of credit
11 from the district;

12 (2) must require the district to notify the parent of
13 or person standing in parental relation to the student that the
14 student's meal card or account balance is exhausted;

15 (3) may not permit the district to charge a fee or
16 interest in connection with meals purchased under Subdivision (1);
17 and

18 (4) may permit the district to set a schedule for
19 repayment on the account balance as part of the notice to the parent
20 or person standing in parental relation to the student.

21 SECTION 13. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 37.0815 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 37.0815. TRANSPORTATION OR STORAGE OF FIREARM AND
24 AMMUNITION BY LICENSE HOLDER IN SCHOOL PARKING AREA. (a) A school
25 district or open-enrollment charter school may not prohibit a
26 person, including a school employee, who holds a license to carry a
27 handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, from

1 transporting or storing a handgun or other firearm or ammunition in
2 a locked, privately owned or leased motor vehicle in a parking lot,
3 parking garage, or other parking area provided by the district or
4 charter school, provided that the handgun, firearm, or ammunition
5 is not in plain view.

6 (b) This section does not authorize a person to possess,
7 transport, or store a handgun, a firearm, or ammunition in
8 violation of Section 37.125 of this code, Section 46.03 or 46.035,
9 Penal Code, or other law.

10 SECTION 14. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
11 amended by adding Section 38.031 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 38.031. NOTICE OF LICE. (a) The board of trustees of
13 an independent school district shall adopt a policy requiring a
14 school nurse of a public elementary school who determines or
15 otherwise becomes aware that a child enrolled in the school has lice
16 shall provide written or electronic notice of that fact to:

17 (1) the parent of the child with lice as soon as
18 practicable but not later than 48 hours after the administrator or
19 nurse, as applicable, determines or becomes aware of that fact; and

20 (2) the parent of each child assigned to the same
21 classroom as the child with lice not later than the fifth school day
22 after the date on which the administrator or nurse, as applicable,
23 determines or becomes aware of that fact.

24 (b) The notice provided under Subsection (a):

25 (1) must include the recommendations of the Centers
26 for Disease Control and Prevention for the treatment and prevention
27 of lice; and

1 (2) if the notice is provided under Subsection (a)(2),
2 may not identify the child with lice.

3 (c) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
4 implement this section in a manner that complies with federal law
5 regarding confidentiality of student medical or educational
6 information, including the Health Insurance Portability and
7 Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.) and the
8 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C.
9 Section 1232g), and any state law relating to the privacy of student
10 information.

11 SECTION 15. Section 39.102(a), Education Code, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 (a) If a school district does not satisfy the accreditation
14 criteria under Section 39.052, the academic performance standards
15 under Section 39.053 or 39.054, or any financial accountability
16 standard as determined by commissioner rule, or if considered
17 appropriate by the commissioner on the basis of a special
18 accreditation investigation under Section 39.057, the commissioner
19 shall take any of the following actions to the extent the
20 commissioner determines necessary:

21 (1) issue public notice of the deficiency to the board
22 of trustees;

23 (2) order a hearing conducted by the board of trustees
24 of the district for the purpose of notifying the public of the
25 insufficient performance, the improvements in performance expected
26 by the agency, and the interventions and sanctions that may be
27 imposed under this section if the performance does not improve;

- 1 (3) order the preparation of a student achievement
2 improvement plan that addresses each academic achievement
3 indicator under Section 39.053(c) for which the district's
4 performance is insufficient, the submission of the plan to the
5 commissioner for approval, and implementation of the plan;
- 6 (4) order a hearing to be held before the commissioner
7 or the commissioner's designee at which the president of the board
8 of trustees of the district and the superintendent shall appear and
9 explain the district's low performance, lack of improvement, and
10 plans for improvement;
- 11 (5) arrange a monitoring review of the district;
- 12 (6) appoint an agency monitor to participate in and
13 report to the agency on the activities of the board of trustees or
14 the superintendent;
- 15 (7) appoint a conservator to oversee the operations of
16 the district;
- 17 (8) appoint a management team to direct the operations
18 of the district in areas of insufficient performance or require the
19 district to obtain certain services under a contract with another
20 person;
- 21 (9) if a district has a current accreditation status
22 of accredited-warned or accredited-probation, fails to satisfy any
23 standard under Section 39.054(e), or fails to satisfy financial
24 accountability standards as determined by commissioner rule,
25 appoint a board of managers to exercise the powers and duties of the
26 board of trustees;
- 27 (10) if for two consecutive school years, including

1 the current school year, a district has received an accreditation
2 status of accredited-warned or accredited-probation, has failed to
3 satisfy any standard under Section 39.054(e), or has failed to
4 satisfy financial accountability standards as determined by
5 commissioner rule, revoke the district's accreditation and:

6 (A) order closure of the district and annex the
7 district to one or more adjoining districts under Section 13.054;
8 or

9 (B) in the case of a home-rule school district or
10 open-enrollment charter school, order closure of all programs
11 operated under the district's or school's charter; ~~or~~

12 (11) if a district has failed to satisfy any standard
13 under Section 39.054(e) due to the district's dropout rates, impose
14 sanctions designed to improve high school completion rates,
15 including:

16 (A) ordering the development of a dropout
17 prevention plan for approval by the commissioner;

18 (B) restructuring the district or appropriate
19 school campuses to improve identification of and service to
20 students who are at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by
21 Section 29.081;

22 (C) ordering lower student-to-counselor ratios
23 on school campuses with high dropout rates; and

24 (D) ordering the use of any other intervention
25 strategy effective in reducing dropout rates, including mentor
26 programs and flexible class scheduling; or

27 (12) order the use of the board improvement and

1 evaluation tool as provided by Section 11.182.

2 SECTION 16. Section 39.107(b-1), Education Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (b-1) A campus turnaround plan must include:

5 (1) a detailed description of the academic programs to
6 be offered at the campus, including instructional methods, length
7 of school day and school year, academic credit and promotion
8 criteria, and programs to serve special student populations;

9 (2) the term of the charter, if a district charter is
10 to be granted for the campus under Section 12.0522;

11 (3) written comments from the campus-level committee
12 established under Section 11.251, if applicable, parents, and
13 teachers at the campus; ~~and~~

14 (4) a detailed description of the budget, staffing,
15 and financial resources required to implement the plan, including
16 any supplemental resources to be provided by the district or other
17 identified sources; and

18 (5) a detailed description for developing and
19 supporting the oversight of academic achievement and student
20 performance by the board of trustees under Section 11.1515.

21 SECTION 17. A person serving on the board of trustees of a
22 school district on the effective date of this Act must complete the
23 training required by Section 11.159(c), Education Code, as added by
24 this Act, not later than September 1, 2018.

25 SECTION 18. (a) Each county board of education, board of
26 county school trustees, and office of county school superintendent
27 in a county with a population of 2.2 million or more and that is

1 adjacent to a county with a population of more than 800,000 is
2 abolished effective November 15, 2017, unless the continuation of
3 the county board of education, board of county school trustees, and
4 office of county school superintendent is approved by a majority of
5 voters at an election held on the November 2017 uniform election
6 date in the county in which the county board of education, board of
7 county school trustees, and office of county school superintendent
8 are located. Subsections (b)-(q) of this section do not take effect
9 in a county if the continuation of the county board of education,
10 board of county school trustees, and office of county school
11 superintendent is approved at the election held in the county under
12 this subsection.

13 (a-1) In an election held in a county under Subsection (a)
14 of this section, the ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or
15 against the proposition: "Authorizing the continued operation of
16 the county board of education, board of county school trustees, and
17 office of the county school superintendent in ____ County and the
18 collection of the ____ County school equalization ad valorem tax."

19 (b) Not later than November 15, 2017, a dissolution
20 committee shall be formed for each county board of education or
21 board of county school trustees to be abolished as provided by
22 Subsection (a) of this section. The dissolution committee is
23 responsible for all financial decisions for each county board of
24 education or board of county school trustees abolished by this Act,
25 including asset distribution and payment of all debt obligations.

26 (c) A dissolution committee required by this Act shall be
27 appointed by the comptroller and include:

1 (1) one financial advisor;

2 (2) the superintendent or the superintendent's
3 designee of each participating component school district that
4 chooses to participate in the dissolution committee;

5 (3) one certified public accountant;

6 (4) one auditor who holds a license or other
7 professional credential;

8 (5) one bond counsel who holds a license or other
9 professional credential; and

10 (6) one additional representative appointed by the
11 commissioner of education.

12 (d) A dissolution committee created under this Act is
13 subject to the open meetings requirements under Chapter 551,
14 Government Code, and public information requirements under Chapter
15 552, Government Code.

16 (e) Members of a dissolution committee may not receive
17 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and
18 necessary expenses incurred in performing the functions of the
19 dissolution committee.

20 (f) Subject to the other requirements of this Act, the
21 dissolution committee shall determine the manner in which all
22 assets, liabilities, contracts, and services of the county board of
23 education or board of county school trustees abolished by this Act
24 are divided, transferred, or discontinued. The dissolution
25 committee shall create a sinking fund to deposit all money received
26 in the abolishment of each county board of education or board of
27 county school trustees for the payment of all debts of the county

1 board of education or board of county school trustees.

2 (g) The dissolution committee shall continue providing
3 transportation services to participating component school
4 districts for the 2017-2018 school year. The dissolution committee
5 shall maintain current operations and personnel needed to provide
6 the transportation services.

7 (h) At the end of the 2017-2018 school year all school
8 buses, vehicles, and bus service centers shall be transferred to
9 participating component school districts in proportionate shares
10 equal to the amount of buses currently assigned to each district.
11 The dissolution committee shall audit and confirm assignment of
12 buses by vehicle identification numbers or some other agreed upon
13 means assigned to applicable districts. Final distribution and
14 assignment of these assets will be not later than September 1, 2018,
15 at no cost to the districts.

16 (i) The dissolution committee may employ for the 2017-2018
17 school year one person to assist in the abolishment of the county
18 board of education or board of county school trustees.

19 (j) On November 15, 2017, the participating component
20 school district with the largest number of students in average
21 daily attendance has the right of first refusal to buy, at fair
22 market value, the administrative building of the county board of
23 education or board of county school trustees.

24 (k) An ad valorem tax assessed by a county board of
25 education or board of county school trustees shall continue to be
26 assessed by the county on behalf of the board for the purpose of
27 paying the principal of and interest on any bonds issued by the

1 county board of education or board of county school trustees until
2 all bonds are paid in full. This subsection applies only to a bond
3 issued before the effective date of this Act for which the tax
4 receipts were obligated. On payment of all bonds issued by the
5 county board of education or board of county school trustees the ad
6 valorem tax may not be assessed.

7 (l) In the manner provided by rule of the commissioner of
8 education, the county shall collect and use any delinquent taxes
9 imposed by or on behalf of the county board of education or board of
10 county school trustees.

11 (m) The dissolution committee shall distribute the assets
12 remaining after discharge of the liabilities of the county board of
13 education or board of county school trustees to the component
14 school districts in the county in proportionate shares equal to the
15 proportion that the amount of money a district has submitted to the
16 county board of education or board of county school trustees has to
17 the total amount of money submitted by all districts. The
18 dissolution committee shall liquidate board assets as necessary to
19 discharge board liabilities and facilitate the distribution of
20 assets. A person authorized by the dissolution committee shall
21 execute any documents necessary to complete the transfer of assets,
22 liabilities, or contracts.

23 (n) The dissolution committee shall encourage the component
24 school districts to:

25 (1) continue sharing services received through the
26 county board of education or board of county school trustees; and

27 (2) give preference to private sector contractors to

1 continue services provided by the county board of education or
2 board of county school trustees.

3 (o) The chief financial officer and financial advisor for
4 the county board of education or board of county school trustees
5 shall provide assistance to the dissolution committee in abolishing
6 the county board of education or board of county school trustees.

7 (p) The Texas Education Agency shall provide assistance to a
8 dissolution committee in the distribution of assets, liabilities,
9 contracts, and services of a county board of education or board of
10 county school trustees abolished by this Act.

11 (q) Any dissolution committee created as provided by this
12 Act is abolished on the date all debt obligations of the county
13 board of education or board of county school trustees are paid in
14 full and all assets distributed to component school districts.

15 SECTION 19. Chapter 266 (S.B. 394), Acts of the 40th
16 Legislature, Regular Session, 1927 (Article 2700a, Vernon's Texas
17 Civil Statutes), is repealed.

18 SECTION 20. Section 25.0822, Education Code, as added by
19 this Act, applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

20 SECTION 21. Section 38.031, Education Code, as added by
21 this Act, applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

22 SECTION 22. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1566 passed the Senate on April 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1566 passed the House, with amendments, on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 4, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor