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S.B. No. 1690

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for a school district improvement plan.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.252(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district shall have a district improvement plan that is developed, evaluated, and revised annually, in accordance with district policy, by the superintendent with the assistance of the district-level committee established under Section 11.251. The purpose of the district improvement plan is to guide district and campus staff in the improvement of student performance for all student groups in order to attain state standards in respect to the achievement indicators adopted under Sections 39.053(c)(1)-(4). The district improvement plan must include provisions for:

(1) a comprehensive needs assessment addressing:

(A) district student performance on the achievement indicators, and other appropriate measures of performance, that are disaggregated by all student groups served by the district, including categories of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sex, and populations served by special programs, including students in special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29; and

1 (B) other appropriate measures of district
2 performance, including school climate;

3 (2) measurable district performance objectives for
4 all appropriate achievement indicators for all student
5 populations, including students in special education programs
6 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and other measures of ~~[student]~~
7 performance that may be identified through the comprehensive needs
8 assessment;

9 (3) strategies for improvement of student performance
10 that include:

11 (A) instructional methods for addressing the
12 needs of student groups not achieving their full potential;

13 (B) methods for addressing the needs of students
14 for special programs, including:

15 (i) suicide prevention programs, in
16 accordance with Subchapter O-1, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
17 Code, which includes a parental or guardian notification procedure;

18 (ii) conflict resolution programs;

19 (iii) violence prevention programs; and

20 (iv) dyslexia treatment programs;

21 (C) dropout reduction;

22 (D) integration of technology in instructional
23 and administrative programs;

24 (E) positive behavior ~~[discipline]~~ management;

25 (F) staff development for professional staff of
26 the district;

27 (G) career education to assist students in

developing the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for a broad range of career opportunities; ~~and~~

(H) accelerated education; and

(I) methods for promoting a safe and supportive school climate, including incorporating trauma-informed practices;

(4) strategies for providing to middle school, junior high school, and high school students, those students' teachers and school counselors, and those students' parents information about:

(A) higher education admissions and financial aid opportunities;

(B) the TEXAS grant program and the Teach for Texas grant program established under Chapter 56;

(C) the need for students to make informed curriculum choices to be prepared for success beyond high school; and

(D) sources of information on higher education admissions and financial aid;

(5) resources needed to implement identified strategies;

(6) staff responsible for ensuring the accomplishment of each strategy;

(7) timelines for ongoing monitoring of the implementation of each improvement strategy;

(8) formative evaluation criteria for determining periodically whether strategies are resulting in intended improvement of student performance; and

(9) the policy under Section 38.0041 addressing sexual

1 abuse and other maltreatment of children.

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