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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. 1 (house committee report), in Article III of
2 the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Education
3 Agency (page III-27), by adding the following appropriately
4 numbered rider:

5 _____. Study on Relationship Between School District Size and
6 School District Cost and Academic Effectiveness. (a) Using funds
7 appropriated above, the Commissioner of Education shall conduct a
8 study regarding the relationship between school district size and
9 school district cost and academic effectiveness. In conducting the
10 study, the Commissioner shall consider factors affecting the
11 operation of school districts, including:

- 12 (1) organization and management;
- 13 (2) financial soundness;
- 14 (3) transportation and other general services;
- 15 (4) parent accessibility to school district
- 16 administration;
- 17 (5) campus feeder patterns; and
- 18 (6) number of students enrolled.

19 (b) On the request of the Commissioner of Education,
20 Regional Education Service Centers and the State Board of Education
21 shall assist the Commissioner in conducting the study under
22 Subsection (a).

23 (c) Not later than December 31, 2020, the Commissioner of
24 Education shall submit to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor,
25 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each legislative
26 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over public education
27 a report that includes:

- 28 (1) the results of the study conducted under
- 29 Subsection (a), including any determinations made with regard to an

- 1 optimal school district size that would promote efficient operation
- 2 and attainment of state educational goals; and
- 3 (2) recommendations for legislative or other action.