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H.B. No. 55

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 55:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the reporting of certain information
3 regarding prekindergarten programs provided by or on behalf of
4 school districts.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 29.1544 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.1544. REPORTING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING
9 PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS; AGENCY REPORT. (a) The agency by rule
10 shall require each school district that offers a prekindergarten
11 program under Section 29.153 and each private entity that provides
12 a prekindergarten program under contract with a school district to
13 report the following information in the form and manner prescribed
14 by the agency for each prekindergarten class offered by the
15 district or private entity:

16 (1) the number of students in each prekindergarten
17 class;

18 (2) the number of certified teachers in each
19 prekindergarten class;

20 (3) the number of teacher's aides in each
21 prekindergarten class;

22 (4) whether each prekindergarten class is full-day or
23 half-day; and

24 (5) if the district offers half-day classes, whether

1 the district offers two half-day classes per day.

2 (b) From the information submitted under Subsection (a),
3 the agency shall determine the total number of teachers and
4 teacher's aides in prekindergarten classes in this state.

5 (c) From the information submitted under Subsection (a) and
6 for purposes of calculating the student/teacher ratio for each
7 prekindergarten class offered by a school district or private
8 entity that provides a prekindergarten program under contract with
9 a school district, the agency shall count each teacher or teacher's
10 aide:

11 (1) once for a full-day class; and

12 (2) twice for a half-day class if the district offers
13 two half-day classes per day.

14 (d) Not later than August 1 of each year, the agency shall
15 prepare and submit a report to the legislature based on the
16 information collected under Subsection (a).

17 SECTION 2. Not later than August 1, 2020, the Texas
18 Education Agency shall submit the initial report required under
19 Section 29.1544, Education Code, as added by this Act.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.