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H.B. No. 2797

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to evaluation under the state accountability system of school district campuses that enroll only certain students who receive special education services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39.0547 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.0547. EVALUATING SPECIALIZED SUPPORT CAMPUSES. (a)

In this section, "specialized support campus" means a school district campus that:

(1) has a campus identification number;

(2) serves students enrolled in any grade level at which state assessment instruments are administered; and

(3) is composed of only students who:

(A) receive special education services under Subchapter A, Chapter 29; and

(B) have significant medical or intensive behavioral needs as documented by the students' individualized education programs under Section 29.005.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the commissioner shall determine, report, and consider the performance of students enrolled in a specialized support campus separately from the school district that operates the campus for purposes of:

(1) measures of annual improvement in student

1 achievement under Section 39.034;
2 (2) achievement indicators under Section 39.053; and
3 (3) additional performance indicators under Section
4 39.301.

5 (c) The commissioner, in consultation with administrators
6 of specialized support campuses, parents and guardians of students
7 enrolled at specialized support campuses, and other stakeholders,
8 shall adopt appropriate accountability indicators under this
9 chapter for each specialized support campus based on the specific
10 student population served by the campus.

11 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
12 school year.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.