

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 3651

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report regarding school district size and school district cost and academic effectiveness.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The commissioner of education shall conduct a study regarding the relationship between school district size and school district cost and academic effectiveness. In conducting the study, the commissioner shall consider factors affecting the operation of school districts, including:

- (1) organization and management;
- (2) financial soundness;
- (3) transportation and other general services;
- (4) parent accessibility to school district administration; and
- (5) campus feeder patterns.

(b) On the request of the commissioner of education, regional education service centers and the State Board of Education shall assist the commissioner in conducting the study under this section.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2020, the commissioner of education shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over public education a report that includes:

1           (1) the results of the study conducted under this  
2 section, including any determinations made with regard to an  
3 optimal school district size that would promote efficient operation  
4 and attainment of state educational goals; and

5           (2) recommendations for legislative or other action.

6           SECTION 2. This Act expires January 1, 2021.

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