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H.B. No. 4000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study conducted by the Legislative Budget Board on the  
3 impact of state educational mandates on school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. STUDY OF IMPACT OF STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES ON  
6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) In this section, "state educational mandate"  
7 means a statutory provision or a Texas Education Agency rule  
8 adopted under that provision the implementation of which requires  
9 an expenditure by a school district that would not have been  
10 required in the absence of the statutory provision or the rule  
11 adopted under that provision.

12 (b) The Legislative Budget Board, in coordination with the  
13 Texas Education Agency, shall conduct a study regarding the effect  
14 of state educational mandates on school districts. The study must  
15 include:

16 (1) a cost-benefit analysis on the impact of school  
17 district compliance with state educational mandates, including a  
18 comparison of:

19 (A) the direct and indirect costs incurred by a  
20 school district in complying with a state educational mandate; and

21 (B) the amount of funds received by the district  
22 from the state to comply with the mandate;

23 (2) a list of all state educational mandates for which  
24 the legislature has not appropriated or otherwise provided full

1 payment or reimbursement that results in expenditures accrued by a  
2 school district to comply with the state educational mandate; and

3 (3) recommendations to reduce the burden of state  
4 educational mandates on school districts, including proposals for  
5 legislative action.

6 SECTION 2. REPORT. Not later than December 31, 2020, the  
7 Legislative Budget Board shall deliver a report of the board's  
8 findings and recommendations to the legislature.

9 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2021.

10 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
11 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
12 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
13 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
14 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.