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S.B. No. 54

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study regarding the appropriate methods and standards
3 to evaluate certain students participating in regional day school
4 programs for the deaf.

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

6 SECTION 1. STUDY REGARDING METHODS AND STANDARDS TO
7 EVALUATE CERTAIN STUDENTS. (a) The Texas Education Agency shall
8 conduct a study regarding appropriate methods and standards to
9 evaluate the performance, separately from the performance of other
10 students attending the district or campus in which the program is
11 physically located, of a student who spends at least 50 percent of
12 the instructional day participating in a regional day school
13 program for the deaf under Subchapter D, Chapter 30, Education
14 Code, and whose parent or person standing in parental relation to
15 the student does not reside in the school district providing
16 program services.

17 (b) Not later than September 1, 2020, the Texas Education
18 Agency shall provide a report of the study required by Subsection
19 (a) of this section and any recommendations for legislative action
20 to each standing committee of the legislature having primary
21 jurisdiction over public education.

22 (c) This section expires September 1, 2021.

23 SECTION 2. IMPLEMENTATION. The Texas Education Agency is
24 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the

1 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
2 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
3 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,
4 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations
5 available for that purpose.

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