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S.B. No. 1015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an ongoing review of the public school finance system by the Texas Education Agency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 42, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 42.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.013. REVIEW OF SCHOOL FINANCE. (a) The agency shall conduct a review of the following elements of the public school finance system on a six-year cycle according to the following schedule:

(1) in the first biennium of the cycle:

(A) the basic allotment under Section 42.101;

(B) the transportation allotment under Section 42.155; and

(C) the new instructional facility allotment under Section 42.158;

(2) in the second biennium of the cycle:

(A) the cost of education adjustment under Section 42.102;

(B) the small and mid-sized district adjustment under Section 42.103; and

(C) the special education allotment under Section 42.151; and

(3) in the third biennium of the cycle:

1 (A) the compensatory education allotment under
2 Section 42.152;

3 (B) the bilingual education allotment under
4 Section 42.153; and

5 (C) the career and technology education
6 allotment under Section 42.154.

7 (b) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
8 the agency shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
9 and the speaker of the house of representatives a report on the
10 results of the review for the applicable biennium and any
11 recommendations for legislative or other action.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2020, the Texas
13 Education Agency shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant
14 governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives its
15 initial report required under Section 42.013, Education Code, as
16 added by this Act.

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