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S.B. No. 1984

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to alternative public school accountability interventions.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 8, is amended by adding Section 8.063 to read as follows:

Sec. 8.063. REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER INTERVENTION TEAM AND PROGRAM. (a) Each regional education service center may create an intervention team composed of seven members as follows:

(1) the executive director of the regional education service center; and

(2) the six superintendents employed by school districts with the highest performance ratings in the area served by the regional education service center.

(b) Each regional education service center intervention team created under (a) shall develop an alternative intervention program for districts and campuses in the area served by the regional education service center that are subject to Chapter 39A interventions and sanctions.

(c) Each regional education service center that has created an intervention team and developed an alternative intervention program shall submit a written report to the commissioner identifying the intervention team members and the components of the alternative intervention program.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 39A, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 39A.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 39A.008. OPTIONAL ALTERNATIVE INTERVENTION. (a) Prior to the closure of a campus or the appointment of a board of managers for a school district or campus under this chapter, the commissioner may, in the alternative, place the campus or school district under the oversight of a regional education service center intervention team for the implementation of intervention measures as provided under the program developed by the team under Section 8.063.

(b) If the commissioner makes an election under (a) and a campus or school district receives an unacceptable performance rating for two consecutive school years after such election, the commissioner shall order:

(1) appointment of a board of managers to govern the district or campus as provided by Subchapter E; or

(2) closure of the campus.

SECTION 3. Section 39A.008, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a school district that is subject to an intervention or sanction on or after the effective date of this Act. A school district subject to an intervention or sanction before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.