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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Education Agency regarding recommended standards for school district facility maintenance and custodial services.

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

SECTION 1.  DEFINITION. In this Act, "agency" means the Texas Education Agency.

SECTION 2.  STUDY REGARDING RECOMMENDED STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES. (a) The agency shall conduct a study regarding recommended standards for school district maintenance of facilities and custodial services, including a standard for appropriate custodial workloads to adequately maintain a school district's facilities.

(b)  In conducting the study, the agency shall consider:

(1)  the square footage of a typical elementary, middle, and high school;

(2)  the square footage of administrative and district facilities other than instructional facilities in a typical school district;

(3)  appropriate levels of custodial service to provide for proper maintenance of school district facilities; and

(4)  the time required for different levels of custodial service based on different numbers of custodial employees and resources.

(c)  The study must identify:

(1)  the maintenance and custodial staff needed to adequately meet a typical school district's needs;

(2)  the tasks required to be completed by maintenance and custodial staff, including time estimates for completion of each task by an adequately equipped maintenance and custodial staff; and

(3)  any additional funding or other resources, if any, needed by school districts to meet the standards recommended by the study for school district maintenance of facilities and custodial services.

SECTION 3.  REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Not later than December 1, 2022, the agency shall submit a report to the legislature that includes the results of the study conducted under Section 2 of this Act and any associated recommendations.

SECTION 4.  EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 5.  EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.