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H.B. No. 518

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study by the Texas Education Agency regarding  
3 recommended standards for school district facility maintenance and  
4 custodial services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (c) The study must identify:

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

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

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

12 SECTION 3. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. Not later than December  
13 1, 2022, the agency shall submit a report to the legislature that  
14 includes the results of the study conducted under Section 2 of this  
15 Act and any associated recommendations.

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

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