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H.B. No. 4399

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of certain instructional procedures adopted by public schools due to the coronavirus disease pandemic.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.927 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.927. REPORTING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES ADOPTED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC; AGENCY REPORT. (a) The agency by rule shall require each school district and open-enrollment charter school to report on instructional procedures adopted by the district or school due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including the following information in the form and manner prescribed by the agency:

(1) the level of student engagement in instruction since the onset of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including:

(A) the number of students who have been engaged in instruction during and after the 2020-2021 school year;

(B) the number of students who were not engaged in instruction for a period of time during or after the 2020-2021 school year but who, at the time of the report, are engaged in instruction;

(C) the number of students who are not, at the

1 time of the report, engaged in instruction; and  
2 (D) the number of students with whom, at the time  
3 of the report, the district or school has no contact;  
4 (2) the number of student disciplinary incidents,  
5 including the number of incidents related to:  
6 (A) a dress code or hairstyle violation;  
7 (B) possessing offensive visual material in a  
8 learning environment;  
9 (C) the required supervision or presence of an  
10 adult in a remote learning environment; and  
11 (D) a violation of the student code of conduct;  
12 and  
13 (3) information regarding student Internet access,  
14 including:  
15 (A) the number of students with access to  
16 broadband Internet;  
17 (B) the types of devices issued by the district  
18 or school that are used by students to access the Internet for  
19 learning and instruction;  
20 (C) the number of devices issued by the district  
21 or school to students to facilitate student Internet connectivity;  
22 (D) the cost to the district or school of  
23 providing and maintaining devices issued by the district or school  
24 for student Internet connectivity; and  
25 (E) any cost or charge paid by the student for the  
26 instructional use of a device issued to the student by the district  
27 or school for the student's Internet connectivity.

1        (b) The information included in the report required by  
2 Subsection (a) must be disaggregated by:

3            (1) student race, ethnicity, sex, socioeconomic  
4 status, and grade level, students enrolled in a special education  
5 program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, students of limited English  
6 proficiency under Section 29.052, and students who are homeless;  
7 and

8            (2) except for information required by Subsection  
9 (a)(3), the method by which instruction was offered, including if  
10 the instruction was offered:

11                    (A) in person;

12                    (B) remotely and synchronously; or

13                    (C) remotely and asynchronously.

14        (c) The rules adopted under Subsection (a) must require a  
15 school district or open-enrollment charter school to submit the  
16 first report not later than December 1, 2021. A district or school  
17 must submit a report required by this section every 90 days.

18        (d) The agency shall prepare and submit a report to the  
19 legislature based on the information collected under Subsection  
20 (a). The agency shall submit the first report required under this  
21 subsection not later than January 1, 2022. The agency must submit a  
22 report required by this section every 90 days.

23        (e) This section expires September 1, 2024.

24        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.