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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a Texas school accountability Internet website; posting
3 of accountability information; release of distinction
4 designations.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 39.309, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsections (a), (b) and (c) to read as follows:

8 Sec. 39.309. TEXAS SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY ~~DASHBOARD~~
9 INTERNET WEBSITE. (a) The agency shall develop and maintain an
10 Internet website, separate from the agency's Internet website, ~~to~~
11 ~~be known as the Texas School Accountability Dashboard~~ for the
12 public to access school district and campus accountability
13 information.

14 (b) ~~The commissioner shall adopt, for use on the Texas~~
15 ~~School Accountability Dashboard, a performance index in each of the~~
16 ~~following areas:~~

- 17 (1) ~~student achievement,~~
18 (2) ~~student progress,~~
19 (3) ~~closing performance gaps, and~~
20 (4) ~~postsecondary readiness.~~

21 (c) The ~~Texas School Accountability Dashboard~~ Internet
22 website developed under Subsection (a) must include:

- 23 (1) performance information for each school district
24 and campus ~~in areas specified by Subsection (b)~~ and must allow for

1 comparison of performance between districts and campuses ~~in each of~~
2 ~~the areas;~~

3 (2) a comparison of the number of students enrolled in
4 each school district, including:

5 (A) the percentage of students of limited English
6 proficiency, as defined by Section 29.052;

7 (B) the percentage of students who are unschooled
8 asylees or refugees, as defined by Section 39.027(a-1);

9 (C) the percentage of students who are
10 educationally disadvantaged; and

11 (D) the percentage of students with
12 disabilities;

13 (3) a comparison of performance information for each
14 district and campus disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and
15 populations served by special programs, including special
16 education, bilingual education, and special language programs; and

17 (4) a comparison of performance information by subject
18 area.

19 SECTION 2. Section 39.363, Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 39.363. NOTICE ON AGENCY WEBSITE. Not later than
22 October 1 of each year, the agency shall make the following
23 information available to the public on the agency's Internet
24 website:

25 (1) the letter performance rating assigned to each
26 school district and campus under Section 39.054 and each
27 distinction designation awarded to a school district or campus

1 under Subchapter G; and

2 (2) ~~the performance rating assigned to a school~~
3 ~~district and each campus in the district by the district under~~
4 ~~Section 39.0545; and~~

5 ~~(3)~~ the financial accountability rating assigned to
6 each school district and open-enrollment charter school under
7 Section 39.082.

8 SECTION 3. Section 39.201, Education Code, is amended by
9 amending Subsections (a) to read as follows:

10 Sec. 39.201. DISTINCTION DESIGNATIONS. (a) Not later than
11 August ~~8~~ 15 of each year, the commissioner shall award distinction
12 designations for outstanding performance as provided by this
13 subchapter. A distinction designation awarded to a district or
14 campus under this subchapter shall be referenced directly in
15 connection with the performance rating assigned to the district or
16 campus and made publicly available together with the performance
17 ratings as provided by rules adopted under Section 39.054(a).

18 SECTION 4. Subchapter 2, Chapter 39A, Education Code is
19 amended by adding Section 39A.908 to read as follows:

20 Section 39.201, Education Code, is amended by amending
21 Subsections (a) to read as follows:

22 Sec. 39A.908. RULES. (a) The commissioner shall adopt
23 rules as necessary to administer this chapter.

24 SECTION 5. The following provisions of the Education Code
25 are repealed:

26 (1) Section 39A.115;

27 (2) Section 39A.117(d);

1 (3) Section 39A.161; and

2 (4) Section 39A.252(a).

3 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.