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S.B. No. 1445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a parental option to request the return to or retention
3 at a certain grade level for a public school student whose education
4 was disrupted by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 28.02124 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 28.02124. OPTIONAL GRADE LEVEL RETENTION OR RETURN.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, due to
10 the disruption in public education caused by the coronavirus
11 disease (COVID-19) pandemic, a student's parent or legal guardian
12 may request that for the 2021-2022 school year the student be
13 returned to or retained at the grade level in which the student was
14 enrolled during the 2020-2021 school year.

15 (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
16 shall grant a request made in accordance with Subsection (a).

17 (c) Before the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, each
18 school district and open-enrollment charter school shall provide
19 written notice regarding the option under this section to the
20 parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in the district or
21 school.

22 (d) This section expires September 1, 2022.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.