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S.B. No. 1581

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a public school campus's election under a campus
turnaround plan to operate as a community school.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 39A, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 39A.1011 to read as follows:

Sec. 39A.1011. CAMPUS TURNAROUND PLAN TO OPERATE AS
COMMUNITY SCHOOL. (a) A campus turnaround plan may permit a campus
to operate as a community school. A plan to operate as a community
school must include, in addition to the other requirements of this
subchapter, strategies and programs to coordinate academic,
social, and health services and reduce barriers to learning through
partnerships and service coordination.

(b) Programs and services offered by a campus operating as a
community school under a campus turnaround plan may include:

(1) early childhood education;

(2) after-school and summer school academic and
enrichment programs;

(3) college and career preparation;

(4) service learning opportunities, such as
internships and community service programs;

(5) leadership and mentoring programs;

(6) activities to encourage community and parent
engagement in students' education;

1 (7) health and social services for students and their
2 families; and

3 (8) parenting classes.

4 (c) A campus that elects to operate as a community school
5 under a campus turnaround plan must:

6 (1) establish a school community partnership team,
7 composed of the members required for a campus-level planning and
8 decision-making committee under Section 11.251 and additional
9 community representatives, to coordinate with the campus
10 intervention team for the campus;

11 (2) establish a partnership with a lead organization
12 that has experience in developing and implementing a community
13 school plan;

14 (3) designate a school district employee or an
15 employee of an organization with experience in developing and
16 implementing a community school plan as the community school
17 coordinator for the campus, whose duties must include the
18 recruitment and coordination of services from community partners;

19 (4) develop a community school plan that satisfies the
20 requirements for a campus improvement plan under Section 11.253;
21 and

22 (5) obtain approval for the community school plan
23 from:

24 (A) at least 75 percent of campus faculty and
25 staff and 75 percent of parents of students enrolled at the campus;
26 and

27 (B) the board of trustees of the school district

1 in which the campus is located.

2 SECTION 2. Section 39A.107, Education Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

4 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (c), the commissioner may
5 not order the closure of a campus under this section without giving
6 the campus the opportunity to operate as a community school under a
7 campus turnaround plan as provided by Section 39A.1011 and at least
8 two years to implement the campus's community school plan.

9 SECTION 3. Section 39A.111, Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 39A.111. CONTINUED UNACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE RATING.

12 (a) If a campus is considered to have an unacceptable performance
13 rating for three consecutive school years after the campus is
14 ordered to submit a campus turnaround plan under Section 39A.101,
15 the commissioner, subject to Section 39A.112, shall order:

16 (1) appointment of a board of managers to govern the
17 school district as provided by Section 39A.202; or

18 (2) closure of the campus.

19 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the commissioner may
20 not order the closure of a campus under this section without giving
21 the campus the opportunity to operate as a community school under a
22 campus turnaround plan as provided by Section 39A.1011 and at least
23 two years to implement the campus's community school plan.

24 SECTION 4. 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.