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S.B. No. 111

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting by school districts regarding special education legal proceedings in which a certain amount of legal fees has been incurred by the district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 44, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 44.903 to read as follows:

Sec. 44.903. REPORTING ON SPECIAL EDUCATION LAWSUITS. (a) This section applies only to a due process complaint against a school district alleging a violation of federal or state special education laws.

(b) Each month, a school district shall post on the district's Internet website and submit to the agency a report regarding each ongoing legal proceeding to which this section applies for which the district's legal fees exceed \$10,000, including:

(1) the general subject matter of the proceeding; and
(2) the total amount of legal fees incurred by the district for the proceeding as of the date on which the report is made.

(c) A report required under Subsection (b) may not include personally identifiable student information and must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g).

1 (d) Each month, the agency shall compile and post on the
2 agency's Internet website the information reported to the agency
3 under Subsection (b) for the preceding month. The information must
4 be both aggregated statewide and disaggregated by school district.

5 (e) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
6 implement this section.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.