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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain accountability-related policies and procedures related to public schools, the availability of information regarding a board of trustees of a school district or governing body of an open-enrollment charter school, and the approval by the Texas Education Agency of training provided to a member of a board of trustees of a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0585 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0585. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN UNDERPERFORMING DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a school district that received an overall performance rating of F under Section 39.054 for the preceding two school years.

(b) Not later than December 31 following the assignment of performance ratings under Section 39.054, the commissioner shall notify the board of trustees of each school district to which this section applies that this section applies to the district.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, one year after the date on which the board of trustees receives notice under Subsection (b), the term of each trustee on the board of trustees of a school district to which this section applies expires. The resulting vacancies shall be filled by election at the next regularly scheduled election of trustees for the district and the trustees

1 elected to fill those vacancies shall draw lots for staggered terms
2 as provided by Section 11.059.

3 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
4 implement this section.

5 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 11.15125 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 11.15125. REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT APPLICANTS. (a)
8 Before taking a final action or vote on the employment of an
9 applicant for the position of superintendent of a school district,
10 the board of trustees of the district shall review the history of
11 the academic performance of each school or school system in which
12 the applicant has served in a leadership role.

13 (b) The history reviewed under this section must:

14 (1) include the relative performance percentile
15 rankings of each applicable school district and open-enrollment
16 charter school under Section 39.060; and

17 (2) be made publicly available on the district's
18 Internet website during the public notice period described by
19 Section 552.126, Government Code, for each applicant who is a
20 finalist being considered for the position.

21 (c) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
22 section.

23 SECTION 3. Section 11.1518, Education Code, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Sec. 11.1518. TRUSTEE INFORMATION POSTED ON WEBSITE AND
26 SUBMITTED TO AGENCY. (a) Each school district [that maintains an
27 Internet website] shall post on the district's Internet website the

1 name, e-mail address, and term of office, including the date the
2 term began and the date the term expires, of each member of the
3 district's board of trustees.

4 ~~(b) [If a school district does not maintain an Internet~~
5 ~~website, the district shall submit the information required by~~
6 ~~Subsection (a) to the agency. On receipt of the district's~~
7 ~~information, the agency shall post the information on the agency's~~
8 ~~Internet website.~~

9 ~~[(c)]~~ Each time there is a change in the membership of a
10 school district's board of trustees, the district shall, not later
11 than the 30th day after the date a trustee is sworn in, update the
12 information required under Subsection (a) and~~[, as applicable.]~~

13 ~~[(1)]~~ post the updated information on the district's
14 Internet website~~[, or~~

15 ~~[(2) submit the updated information to the agency for~~
16 ~~posting on the agency's Internet website in accordance with~~
17 ~~Subsection (b)].~~

18 (c) Each school district shall submit to the agency the
19 name, e-mail address, phone number, designation as chair, if
20 applicable, and term of office, including the date the term began
21 and the date the term expires, of each member of the district's
22 board of trustees:

23 (1) annually; and

24 (2) each time there is a change in the membership of
25 the board of trustees, not later than the 30th day after the date a
26 trustee is sworn in.

27 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to

1 implement this section.

2 SECTION 4. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsections (d-1), (d-2), and (d-3) to read as follows:

4 (d-1) A regional education service center or another
5 authorized provider may not provide training under this section
6 until the agency has approved:

7 (1) the provider to provide the training;

8 (2) the content of the training;

9 (3) the manner in which the training is provided; and

10 (4) the location and time of the training.

11 (d-2) The agency may not approve the provision of training
12 under this section:

13 (1) by a provider who engages in electioneering or any
14 other form of political advocacy for or against any candidate,
15 measure, or political party;

16 (2) by a provider, agent of a provider, or entity
17 affiliated with a provider that primarily represents political
18 subdivisions of this state; or

19 (3) that occurs during a meeting of a professional
20 organization of school district employees.

21 (d-3) The agency shall adopt a procedure for the appeal of a
22 disapproval of a training by a provider under Subsection (d-1).

23 SECTION 5. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Education Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 12.005 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 12.005. GOVERNING BOARD INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO
26 AGENCY. (a) Each holder of a charter to operate a charter school
27 under this chapter shall submit to the agency the name, e-mail

1 address, phone number, designation as chair, if applicable, and
2 term of office, including the date the term began and the date the
3 term expires, of each member of the school's governing body:

4 (1) annually; and

5 (2) each time there is a change in the membership of
6 the governing body.

7 (b) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
8 section.

9 SECTION 6. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 39.060 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 39.060. RELATIVE PERFORMANCE PERCENTILE RANKING. The
12 commissioner shall annually assign and publish a relative
13 performance percentile ranking of each school district and
14 open-enrollment charter school based on the data used for
15 evaluating relative performance in the school progress domain under
16 Section 39.053(c)(2)(B).

17 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.