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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual report by the Texas Education Agency regarding public school campus closures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.044 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.044. ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUS CLOSURES. (a) Not later than January 31 of each year, the agency shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature and post on the agency's publicly available Internet website a report regarding school district and open-enrollment charter school campus closures.

(b) The report required by Subsection (a) must include:

(1) for the preceding calendar year, the number of campuses that closed, disaggregated by:

(A) the grade levels served by the campus, including elementary, middle, junior high, or high school; and

(B) reason for the closure; and

(2) for the current calendar year, the number of campuses that are at risk of closure, including campuses under consideration for closure by a school district's board of trustees or open-enrollment charter school's governing body, disaggregated by:

(A) the grade levels served by the campus, including elementary, middle, junior high, or high school; and

(B) reason for potential closure.

(c) The commissioner by rule may require a school district or open-enrollment charter school to report to the agency the information necessary to complete the report required by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.