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H.B. No. 1706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reducing paperwork and duplicate reports required of a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.060, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) The review conducted under Subsection (a) must include a comparison of the reports and paperwork required by state law and the reports and paperwork required by federal law. The commissioner shall eliminate any reports or paperwork required by state law that duplicate the content of reports or paperwork also required by federal law.

SECTION 2. Section 11.201(d), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The duties of the superintendent include:

(1) assuming administrative responsibility and leadership for the planning, organization, operation, supervision, and evaluation of the education programs, services, and facilities of the district and for the annual performance appraisal of the district's staff;

(2) except as provided by Section 11.202, assuming administrative authority and responsibility for the assignment, supervision, and evaluation of all personnel of the district other than the superintendent;

1 (3) overseeing compliance with the standards for
2 school facilities established by the commissioner under Section
3 46.008;

4 (4) initiating the termination or suspension of an
5 employee or the nonrenewal of an employee's term contract;

6 (5) managing the day-to-day operations of the district
7 as its administrative manager, including implementing and
8 monitoring plans, procedures, programs, and systems to achieve
9 clearly defined and desired results in major areas of district
10 operations;

11 (6) preparing and submitting to the board of trustees
12 a proposed budget as provided by Section 44.002 and rules adopted
13 under that section, and administering the budget;

14 (7) preparing recommendations for policies to be
15 adopted by the board of trustees and overseeing the implementation
16 of adopted policies;

17 (8) developing or causing to be developed appropriate
18 administrative regulations to implement policies established by
19 the board of trustees;

20 (9) providing leadership for the attainment and, if
21 necessary, improvement of student performance in the district based
22 on the indicators adopted under Sections 39.053 and 39.301 and
23 other indicators adopted by the commissioner or the district's
24 board of trustees;

25 (10) organizing the district's central
26 administration;

27 (11) consulting with the district-level committee as

1 required under Section 11.252(f);

2 (12) ensuring:

3 (A) adoption of a student code of conduct as
4 required under Section 37.001 and enforcement of that code of
5 conduct; and

6 (B) adoption and enforcement of other student
7 disciplinary rules and procedures as necessary;

8 (13) submitting reports as required by state or
9 federal law, rule, or regulation, and ensuring that a copy of any
10 report required by federal law, rule, or regulation is also
11 delivered to the agency;

12 (14) providing joint leadership with the board of
13 trustees to ensure that the responsibilities of the board and
14 superintendent team are carried out; and

15 (15) performing any other duties assigned by action of
16 the board of trustees.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.