

SUBJECT: Requiring disclosure of source data used in school accountability ratings

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 12 ayes — Huberty, Bernal, Allison, Ashby, K. Bell, Dutton, M. González, K. King, Meyer, Sanford, Talarico, VanDeaver

0 nays

1 absent — Allen

WITNESSES: For — Kevin Barlow and Marcelo Cavazos, Arlington ISD; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Deborah Caldwell, North East ISD; Seth Rau, San Antonio ISD; Dwight Harris, Texas American Federation of Teachers; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Grover Campbell, Texas Association of School Boards; Lonnie Hollingsworth, Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Mark Terry, Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association; Chris Frandsen, Texas League Of Women Voters; Dee Carney, Texas School Alliance)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jamie Crowe, Texas Education Agency)

BACKGROUND: Education Code ch. 39, subch. C governs the accreditation process for school districts in the state. Sec. 39.052 requires the commissioner of education to annually determine the accreditation status of each school district on the basis of certain performance measures.

Sec. 39.054 requires the commissioner of education to adopt rules to evaluate school district and campus performance and assign each district and campus a separate performance rating. These ratings follow a scale of A to F, with A being an exemplary performance rating and F reflecting an unacceptable performance.

Some have noted that some of the source data used in determining school districts' accreditation status and performance ratings are not available to districts.

DIGEST:

HB 3007 would require the Texas Education Agency to provide each school district with a copy of all the source data submitted to the agency by an entity other than the district that the agency considered when determining the district's accreditation status and the performance ratings for the district's campuses.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019, and would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.