

SUBJECT: Ensuring a school board has created district- and campus-level committees

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

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

0 nays

1 absent — Dutton

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Steven Aleman, Disability Rights Texas; Andrea Chevalier, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Texas State Teachers Association; Ted Raab, Texas American Federation of Teachers (Texas AFT); Kyle Ward, Texas PTA; Paige Williams, Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Lisa Flores; Gary Carlin)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Von Byer, Texas Education Agency; Christopher Maska, Texas Education Agency)

BACKGROUND: Education code sec. 11.251(b) requires the board of trustees of each school district to establish a district- and campus-level planning and decision-making process that involves the professional staff of the district, parents, and community members in establishing and reviewing the district's and campuses' educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major instructional programs.

DIGEST: HB 422 would require the board of trustees of each school district to annually certify to the Texas Education Agency that the board had established the district- and campus-level committees required by Education Code sec. 11.251(b), beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.

**SUPPORTERS
SAY:**

HB 422 would ensure that all school districts were complying with the important responsibility of creating site-based decision-making committees, which play an important role in establishing and reviewing educational plans, goals, performance objectives, and major classroom instructional programs. Because current law does not mandate regular checks into whether school boards are creating these committees, a lack of properly constituted committees is not uncommon. This bill would help the Texas Education Agency ensure that school boards were complying with the law.

**OPPONENTS
SAY:**

No concerns identified.