

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 583
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, there exists a unit for parental involvement and community empowerment created by the commissioner of education. However, activities related to parental involvement are still not centralized within the Texas Education Agency. This bill requires the agency to establish a division that would consolidate all agency activities related to parental involvement.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 583 requires the Texas Education Agency to establish a division that would consolidate all agency activities related to parental involvement.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 7B, Education Code, by adding Section 7.025, as follows:

Sec. 7.025. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. Requires the Texas Education Agency (agency) to develop, implement, and administer programs and activities to encourage and maintain parental involvement in public schools.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 39.052(b), Education Code, to set forth information to be contained on report cards, including the phone number at the agency to call for information concerning parental involvement and the phone number at the agency to call for information concerning assessment instruments under Section 39.023

SECTION 3. Amends Section 45.105(c), Education Code, to authorize certain funds, including state funds not designated for a specific purpose, to be used for purposes listed for state and county funds, including purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools. Makes a conforming and nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amendment 1.

Deletes proposed changes to SECTION 3 Section 39.052(b) and (c), and added Subsection (d), Education Code. Amends Section 39.052(b), Education Code, to set forth information to be contained on report cards, including the phone number at the agency to call for information concerning parental involvement and the phone number at the agency to call for information concerning assessment instruments under Section 39.023.

Amendment 2.

Amends H.B. 583 by deleting SECTIONS 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Renumbers remaining SECTIONS.

Amendment 3.

Page 1, lines 9-13, deletes proposed Section 7.025, regarding parental involvement division. Sets forth new Section 7.025, regarding parental involvement.