

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, certain sections of the Education Code are in need of revision. This bill is a clean-up bill which addresses individual education issues.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 936 amends certain sections of the Education Code relating to public education.

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 Section 7.022(b), Education Code, to require the state auditor to review the quality and effectiveness of the Texas Education Agency's process for auditing internal operations and to report the state auditor's findings to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board, among other governmental entities.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11.159(a), Education Code, to require the State Board of Education (board) to provide a training course for independent school district trustees to be offered by the regional education service centers or other providers approved by and registered with the commissioner of education.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 11.253(b), Education Code, to require each school district's policy and procedures to establish campus-level planning and decision-making committees as provided for through the procedures provided by Sections 11.251(b)-(e), except that a campus-level committee is not required to include district-level professional staff members.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 12.101(a), Education Code, to authorize the board to grant a charter on the application of an eligible entity for an open-enrollment charter school to operate in a facility of a commercial or nonprofit entity or a governmental entity, rather than school district.

SECTION 5. Amends Sections 28.023(b) and (c), Education Code, to require a school district to give a student in a primary grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one grade level on the basis of a board-approved examination for acceleration if the student scores the equivalent of 90, rather than in the 90th percentile, or above on a scale of 100 on each section of the examination. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 6. (a) Effective date: upon passage.

(b) Effective date for SECTION 5 of this Act: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 7. (a) Provides that Section 11.253(b) of this Act applies beginning with the 1997-1998 school year.

(b) Makes application of Sections 28.023(b) and (c) prospective.

SECTION 8. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Adds new SECTION 4, redesignates proposed SECTION 4 as new SECTION 5, and renumbers subsequent sections accordingly.

SECTION 4.

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