

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 106 passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Data on student performance, financial matters, school safety and other measures of educational improvement are vital, not only for the state, but for school districts as well. While the goal of House Bill No. 106 is laudable, this legislation would substantially undermine local control by limiting the authority of a school district to request information from teachers regarding issues affecting the operation of schools and the education of children. Local control of our public schools requires authority to be vested in the locally elected school board.

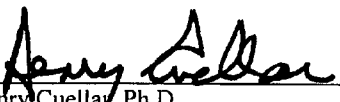
The objective of reducing paperwork and administrative burdens on teachers is already addressed in current law. Texas law contains provisions to reduce paperwork and limit the amount of reporting required of governmental entities. Texas has also made great strides in reducing the number of rules and regulations placed on school districts by eliminating duplicative and unnecessary requirements. Texas also leads the nation in the number of waivers granted under the federal Ed-Flex statute, which reduces regulatory requirements imposed by federal law.

Local officials are in the best position to determine what information is necessary for teachers to report.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



ATTEST:


Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

June 17, 2001
Austin, Texas

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2001.


Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:30 P.M. - O'CLOCK

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