

1-1 By: Creighton, Hagenbuch S.B. No. 2619
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 May 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 1; May 7, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Creighton	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X		
1-12	Hagenbuch	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	King	X		
1-15	Menéndez		X	
1-16	Middleton	X		
1-17	Parker	X		
1-18	Paxton	X		
1-19	West	X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2619 By: Paxton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to certain accountability-related policies and procedures
1-24 related to public schools, the availability of information
1-25 regarding a board of trustees of a school district or governing body
1-26 of an open-enrollment charter school, and the approval by the Texas
1-27 Education Agency of training provided to a member of a board of
1-28 trustees of a school district.

1-29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-30 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
1-31 amended by adding Section 11.0585 to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 11.0585. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN
1-33 UNDERPERFORMING DISTRICTS. (a) This section applies only to a
1-34 school district that received an overall performance rating of F
1-35 under Section 39.054 for the preceding two school years.

1-36 (b) Not later than December 31 following the assignment of
1-37 performance ratings under Section 39.054, the commissioner shall
1-38 notify the board of trustees of each school district to which this
1-39 section applies that this section applies to the district.

1-40 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, the term of each trustee
1-41 on the board of trustees of a school district to which this section
1-42 applies expires on the date of the first regularly scheduled
1-43 election that occurs before December 31 of the year following the
1-44 year in which notice was received under Subsection (b) and must be
1-45 filled at that election. The trustees elected under this
1-46 subsection shall draw lots for staggered terms as provided by
1-47 Section 11.059.

1-48 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
1-49 implement this section.

1-50 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
1-51 amended by adding Section 11.15125 to read as follows:

1-52 Sec. 11.15125. REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT APPLICANTS. (a)
1-53 Before taking a final action or vote on the employment of an
1-54 applicant for the position of superintendent of a school district,
1-55 the board of trustees of the district shall review the history of
1-56 the academic performance of each school or school system in which
1-57 the applicant has served in a leadership role.

1-58 (b) The history reviewed under this section must:

1-59 (1) include the relative performance percentile
1-60 rankings of each applicable school district and open-enrollment

charter school under Section 39.060; and

(2) be made publicly available on the district's Internet website during the public notice period described by Section 552.126, Government Code, for each applicant who is a finalist being considered for the position.

(c) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 3. Section 11.1518, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.1518. TRUSTEE INFORMATION POSTED ON WEBSITE AND SUBMITTED TO AGENCY. (a) Each school district ~~[that maintains an Internet website]~~ shall post on the district's Internet website the name, e-mail address, and term of office, including the date the term began and the date the term expires, of each member of the district's board of trustees.

~~(b) [If a school district does not maintain an Internet website, the district shall submit the information required by Subsection (a) to the agency. On receipt of the district's information, the agency shall post the information on the agency's Internet website.]~~

~~[(c)]~~ Each time there is a change in the membership of a school district's board of trustees, the district shall, not later than the 30th day after the date a trustee is sworn in, update the information required under Subsection (a) and ~~[, as applicable.]~~

~~[(1)]~~ post the updated information on the district's Internet website ~~[, or~~

~~[(2) submit the updated information to the agency for posting on the agency's Internet website in accordance with Subsection (b)].~~

(c) Each school district shall submit to the agency the name, e-mail address, phone number, designation as chair, if applicable, and term of office, including the date the term began and the date the term expires, of each member of the district's board of trustees:

(1) annually; and

(2) each time there is a change in the membership of the board of trustees, not later than the 30th day after the date a trustee is sworn in.

(d) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 4. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d-1), (d-2), and (d-3) to read as follows:

(d-1) A regional education service center or another authorized provider may not provide training under this section until the agency has approved:

(1) the provider to provide the training;

(2) the content of the training;

(3) the manner in which the training is provided; and

(4) the location and time of the training.

(d-2) The agency may not approve the provision of training under this section:

(1) by a provider who engages in electioneering or any other form of political advocacy for or against any candidate, measure, or political party;

(2) by a provider, agent of a provider, or entity affiliated with a provider that primarily represents political subdivisions of this state; or

(3) that occurs during a meeting of a professional organization of school district employees.

(d-3) The agency shall adopt a procedure for the appeal of a disapproval of a training by a provider under Subsection (d-1).

SECTION 5. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 12.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.005. GOVERNING BOARD INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO AGENCY. (a) Each holder of a charter to operate a charter school under this chapter shall submit to the agency the name, e-mail address, phone number, designation as chair, if applicable, and term of office, including the date the term began and the date the term expires, of each member of the school's governing body:

(1) annually; and
(2) each time there is a change in the membership of
the governing body.

(b) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
section.

SECTION 6. Subchapter C, Chapter 39, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 39.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.060. RELATIVE PERFORMANCE PERCENTILE RANKING. The
commissioner shall annually assign and publish a relative
performance percentile ranking of each school district and
open-enrollment charter school based on the data used for
evaluating relative performance in the school progress domain under
Section 39.053(c)(2)(B).

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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