

SUBJECT: Notifying parents of school children of physical fitness assessment results

COMMITTEE: Public Education — committee substitute recommended

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

1 absent — Dutton

WITNESSES: For — Joel Romo, The Cooper Institute; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Will Francis, National Association of Social Workers-Texas Chapter; Ted Raab, Texas American Federation of Teachers; Lonnie Hollingsworth, Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Kyle Ward, Texas PTA; Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Texas State Teachers Association)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Eric Marin and Monica Martinez, Texas Education Agency)

BACKGROUND: Education Code ch. 38 subch. C requires school districts annually to assess the physical fitness of students in grade 3 or higher. The results may be made available to parents upon written request.

DIGEST: CSHB 128 would require school districts to provide parents with a copy of the results of their child's annual physical fitness assessment. The results would have to be clear, precise, and easy to understand, and school districts would have to provide the results to parents no later than the last day of the school year.

School districts also would have to update their student handbook to explain that the district would provide parents with a copy of these results at the end of the school year.

The bill would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

The 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.