

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 576
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Education Agency and school districts report campus and district-wide class averages which do not provide the public with an accurate accounting of actual class size among grade levels, subject area and programs. The reporting of accurate class size ratios, between students and employees, is important for making informed decisions about education quality, facility issues, and student success. C.S.S.B. 576 would require school districts to include the actual number of students enrolled per class by grade level, subject, or special program, and for information to be included on the campus report card delivered to parents.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 576 requires a school district to report class size in public schools.

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 25D, Education Code, by adding Sections 25.113 and 25.114, as follows:

Sec. 25.113. REPORT TO AGENCY CONCERNING CLASS SIZE. Requires each school district to report to the Texas Education Agency the number of students enrolled in each class, for kindergarten through grade 12, by grade level, subject, and special program, as applicable.

Sec. 25.114. NOTICE TO PARENTS CONCERNING CLASS SIZE. Requires each school district to give a parent written notice of the number of students enrolled in each class or subject in which the parent's child is enrolled.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 39.052(b) and (c), Education Code, to delete reference to student/teacher ratios. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Chapter 25D, Education Code, by adding Sections 25.113 and 25.114, regarding reporting to the agency concerning class size and notice to parents concerning class size. Deletes proposed SECTION 1.

SECTION 3.

Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, rather than the 2000-2001 school year.