

SUBJECT: Providing a school district certain data used in accountability ratings

COMMITTEE: Higher Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — C. Turner, Stucky, Button, Frullo, Howard, E. Johnson,
Pacheco, Schaefer, Smithee, Walle, Wilson

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Kevin Barlow and Marcelo Cavazos, Arlington ISD; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Priscilla Camacho, Dallas Regional Chamber; Dominic Giarratani, Texas Association of School Boards; Dee Carney, Texas School Alliance)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Julie Eklund, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

BACKGROUND: The Texas Success Initiative Assessment provides institutions of higher education information on incoming freshman to assess college readiness. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board collects this information in the form of raw data aggregated by school districts and shares it with the Texas Education Agency for accountability purposes.

DIGEST: HB 3011 would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, before the initial release of academic accountability ratings for a school year, to provide to each school district a copy of all source data as submitted to the board by an institution of higher education that was used by the Texas Education Agency in determining accreditation status or assigning performance ratings for the district.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019, and would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.