

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and school districts are required to report district-wide class size averages. This may not provide the public with an accurate accounting of class size averages among grade levels and programs. This bill requires TEA and school districts to report the average number of students enrolled in each class by grade level, subject, and special programs, rather than student/teacher ratios.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1189 requires the Texas Education Agency and school districts to report the average number of students enrolled in each class by grade level, subject, and special programs, rather than student/teacher ratios.

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 Section 25.112, Education Code, by adding Subsection (e), to require each school district to report to the Texas Education Agency the actual number of students enrolled in each class by grade level, subject, and special program.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 39.052(b), Education Code, to set forth the requirements of a report card, among which includes information relating to actual class sizes by grade level, subject, and special programs, rather than student/teacher ratios.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1997-1998 school year.

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