BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, site-based decision-making is a substantial component of efforts to improve public schools. Section 11.251, Education Code, requires school districts to adopt policies and administrative procedure governing site-based decision-making. Although these policies and procedures are intended to establish the respective responsibilities of school administrators and district- and campuslevel committees, there is no statutory requirement that superintendents, principals, and committee members fulfill their responsibilities. S.B. 1822 would require superintendents and principals to consult with and consider recommendations made by campus- and district-level committees regarding policies and proposed budgets.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1822 outlines provisions regarding the planning and decision-making process of school districts.

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 11.201(d), Education Code, to provide that preparing recommendations for policies to be adopted by the board of trustees of each independent school district (board) in accordance with this code, including Section 11.251, and overseeing the implementation of adopted policies is included in the duties of the superintendent.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 11.202(b), Education Code, to provide that developing budgets for the principal's campus in accordance with the administrative procedure established under Section 11.251(d) is included in the requirements for each principal.

SECTION 3. Amends Sections 11.251(b) and (d), Education Code, to require the board to establish a procedure for district- and campus-level committees to formally present recommendations directly to the board in response to a decision of the board or of a principal or superintendent that is contrary to a committee recommendation. Requires the administrative procedure to include a process by which the board and superintendent consider in a timely manner recommendations from the district- and campus-level committees concerning the proposed budget adopted under Section 44.002. Requires the board to ensure that all participants of the district-level planning and decision-making committee, in the planning and decision-making process, perform their roles and responsibilities in accordance with the procedure.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 44.002(a), Education Code, to require the superintendent to prepare a proposed budget covering all estimated revenue and proposed expenditures of the district for the following fiscal year, on or before a date set by the State Board of Education, in accordance with the process prescribed under Section 11.251(d).

SECTION 5. Effective date: September, 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause.

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