Chapter 547

AN ACT

relating to the operation of the special education continuing advisory committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 29.006, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(d) Committee meetings must be conducted in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code.

(e) The committee shall provide a procedure for members of the public to speak at committee meetings. The procedure may not require a member of the public to register to speak earlier than the day of the meeting.

(f) The agency must post on the agency's Internet website:

(1) contact information for the committee, including an e-mail address;
(2) notice of each open meeting of the committee;
(3) minutes of each open meeting of the committee; and
(4) guidance concerning how to submit public comments to the committee.

(g) The committee shall develop a policy to encourage public participation with the committee.

(h) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the committee shall submit a report to the legislature with recommended changes to state law and agency rules relating to special
education. The committee shall include the committee’s current policy on encouraging public participation, as required by Subsection (g), in the report.

SECTION 2. Section 29.006(d), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an open meeting of the special education continuing advisory committee held on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 436 passed the Senate on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 436 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved:

Date

Secretary of State
TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB436 by Rodriguez (Relating to the operation of the special education continuing advisory committee.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require special education continuing advisory committee (CAC) meetings to be conducted in compliance with Chapter 551, Government Code. The bill would specify the CAC to have certain procedures and would require the CAC to submit a report to the Legislature with recommended changes to laws and rules related to special education by January 1 of each odd-numbered year.

The Texas Education Agency would experience some administrative costs related to supporting the CAC in developing the legislative report; however, this analysis assumes the agency could absorb the cost within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency
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