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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Perez of El Paso

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 1 (house committee printing) in Article III of
2 the bill, following the appropriations to the Texas Education
3 Agency (page III-3), by adding the following appropriately numbered
4 rider:

5 _____. Study on the Financial and Operational Impact of
6 Sustained Student Enrollment Declines. (a) Out of funds
7 appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency, in consultation
8 with school districts, regional education service centers, and
9 school finance experts, shall conduct a study on the financial and
10 operational impact on public schools of sustained student
11 enrollment declines related to statewide and regional reductions in
12 birth rates. The study must:

13 (1) identify school districts that have experienced a
14 10-percent or greater decline in enrollment over the past five
15 years;

16 (2) analyze the impact of enrollment declines on
17 school closures, staffing, facilities, and fixed costs;

18 (3) assess whether current formula funding structures
19 adequately financially support school districts in realigning
20 district operations to account for changes due to sustained student
21 enrollment declines; and

22 (4) analyze the feasibility of temporary formula
23 funding adjustments or transitional supports to allow for strategic
24 right-sizing and fiscal stability for school districts.

25 (b) Not later than December 1, 2027, the Texas Education
26 Agency shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a report on the
27 results of the study conducted under Subsection (a) of this rider
28 and any recommendations for legislative or other action.