



HOUSE BILL 2 Real Education Reform

Greater Accountability for Student Outcomes

- Student *improvement* is measured, getting a better picture of student progress
- High school end-of-course examinations will more comprehensively test knowledge
- Assessments of college preparation measure how well schools are preparing students for the future
- Reporting of National Assessment of Educational Progress results allow us to compare our schools to the nation
- Ratings of school districts according to how well students are prepared for college encourage improvement

Greater Accountability to Taxpayers

- School board elections held in November make trustees more accountable to taxpayers
- Tax increases only with voter approval means funds will be spent more carefully
- School facilities study protects school building investments

Greater Accountability for School Management

- Comprehensive links to management information create greater efficiency
- Cost/Benefit analysis of programs for at-risk students to determine effectiveness
- New, more comprehensive system for determining school ratings gives parents/taxpayers better performance information
- Mandatory sanctions for low-performing schools rescue children from mediocrity
- Replaces management at unacceptable campuses
- Requires annual financial management reporting on spending at the campus level, allowing taxpayers to know where the funding priorities are
- Early intervention—providing technical assistance to marginal campuses and districts—responds to needs before educational disaster strikes

Improvements in Educator Professionalism

- Teacher training programs are evaluated on the basis of how well teachers serve to improve student knowledge
- One percent of payroll is dedicated to locally-developed teacher merit pay based on student performance
- Temporary certificates for superintendents and principals bring new ideas and methods into the education system
- State-funded professional liability insurance relieves teachers of a needless financial burden
- Regional Education Service Center board training insures that publicly-owned resources are protected
- Financial, school-level awards for improvement at low-performing campuses, encourage improvement more than only sanctions
- Abolition of the State Board for Educator Certification encourages individual educator development and growth