

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. ---

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/SCS/Senate Bill No. 85, Pages 6-9, Section 160.522, Line _____,

2 By striking all of said section and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following:

4 "160.522. 1. (1) The department of elementary and
5 secondary education shall produce or cause to be produced,
6 at least annually, a school accountability report card for
7 each public school district, each public school building in
8 a school district, [and] each charter school [in the state],
9 and each virtual school authorized under section 161.670.

10 The report card shall be designed to satisfy state and
11 federal requirements for the disclosure of statistics about
12 students, staff, finances, academic achievement, and other
13 indicators. The purpose of the report card shall be to
14 provide educational statistics and accountability
15 information for parents, taxpayers, school personnel,
16 legislators, and the print and broadcast news media in a
17 standardized, easily accessible form.

18 (2) The report cards shall be maintained on the
19 department's website and reachable by a clearly labeled link
20 on the website homepage. Each school district, charter
21 school, and virtual school shall also maintain the report
22 card information for the district, charter school, or
23 virtual school and all school attendance centers on the
24 district, charter school, or virtual school website and
25 reachable by a clearly labeled link on the website
26 homepage. The report card webpage shall be formatted to

27 easily allow linking to each school attendance center in
28 each school district or charter school. The report card
29 shall present a comprehensive summary of the district or
30 school information formatted onto a single webpage to the
31 maximum extent possible. The report card shall use a clear
32 and logical menu structure. Additional detailed information
33 about a district, charter school, attendance center, or
34 virtual school shall be available from the report card
35 webpage.

36 (3) School districts, charter schools, and virtual
37 schools shall also provide the information in a printed
38 document to the parent or legal guardian of each enrolled
39 student within five school days of the start of each school
40 year or within five school days of enrollment.

41 2. (1) The department of elementary and secondary
42 education shall develop a standard form for the school
43 accountability report card. The information reported shall
44 include, but not be limited to, the district's, charter
45 school's, or virtual school's most recent accreditation
46 rating[,]; enrollment[,]; rates of pupil attendance[,]; high
47 school dropout rate and graduation rate[,]; the number and
48 rate of suspensions of ten days or longer and expulsions of
49 pupils[,]; the [district] ratio of students to
50 administrators and students to classroom or virtual
51 teachers[,]; the average years of experience of professional
52 staff and advanced degrees earned[,]; student achievement as
53 measured through the assessment system developed pursuant to
54 section 160.518[,]; student scores on the ACT, along with
55 the percentage of graduates taking the test[,]; average
56 teachers' and administrators' salaries compared to the state
57 averages[,]; average per-pupil current expenditures for the
58 district, charter school, or virtual school as a whole and
59 by attendance center as reported to the department of

60 elementary and secondary education[,]; the adjusted tax rate
61 of the district, charter school, or virtual school; assessed
62 valuation of the district[,]; percent of the district,
63 charter school, or virtual school operating budget received
64 from state, federal, and local sources[,]; the percent of
65 students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch[,]; data
66 on the percent of students continuing their education in
67 postsecondary programs[,]; information about the job
68 placement rate for students who complete district, charter
69 school, or virtual school vocational education programs[,];
70 whether the school district currently has a state-approved
71 gifted education program[,]; and the percentage and number
72 of students who are currently being served in the
73 district's, charter school's, or virtual school's state-
74 approved gifted education program.

75 (2) The report card shall include a comparison to the
76 state average for all numerical fields amenable to an
77 average and a comparison to the district, charter school, or
78 virtual school average for school attendance center data.
79 Prior year school attendance center data shall be available
80 on the school's main webpage, and the report card shall
81 include a link or links to data for each of the preceding
82 ten school years, or all preceding years since the school's
83 first year of operation if within the last ten years. Data
84 shall be shown on clear and logical graphs and also
85 available for public download and analysis in both common
86 spreadsheet and portable document formats. The format shall
87 allow districts, charter schools, attendance centers, and
88 virtual schools to provide additional information about
89 programs and activities of the district, charter school,
90 attendance center, or virtual school.

91 (3) The report card webpage shall include a means by
92 which any user may provide suggestions for improvement and

93 provide feedback regarding the ease of use and
94 understandability of the report card and whether the report
95 card provides essential indicators aligned to key education
96 priorities. The department shall establish an advisory
97 group including parents, researchers, and educators to
98 continuously review the feedback received from users,
99 research the practices of school report cards in other
100 jurisdictions, and make appropriate updates and revisions to
101 the report card to improve its usefulness based on user
102 feedback and best practices employed in school report cards.

103 3. The report card shall permit the disclosure of data
104 on a school-by-school basis, but the reporting shall not be
105 personally identifiable to any student or education
106 professional in the state.

107 4. The report card shall identify each school or
108 attendance center that has been identified as a priority
109 school under sections 160.720 and 161.092. The report also
110 shall identify attendance centers that have been categorized
111 under federal law as needing improvement or requiring
112 specific school improvement strategies.

113 5. The report card shall not limit or discourage other
114 methods of public reporting and accountability by local
115 school districts, charter schools, or virtual schools.
116 Districts, charter schools, and virtual schools shall
117 provide information included in the report card to parents,
118 community members, the print and broadcast news media, and
119 legislators by December first annually or as soon thereafter
120 as the information is available to the district, charter
121 school, or virtual school, giving preference to methods that
122 incorporate the reporting into substantive official
123 communications such as student report cards. The school
124 district, charter school, or virtual school shall provide a
125 printed copy of the district-level or [school-level]

126 attendance center report card to any patron upon request and
127 shall make reasonable efforts to supply businesses such as,
128 but not limited to, real estate and employment firms with
129 copies or other information about the reports [so that
130 parents and businesses from outside the district who may be
131 contemplating relocation have access].

132 6. For purposes of completing and distributing the
133 annual report card as prescribed in this section, a school
134 district may include the data from a charter school located
135 within such school district, provided the local board of
136 education or special administrative board for such district
137 and the charter school reach mutual agreement for the
138 inclusion of the data from the charter schools and the terms
139 of such agreement are approved by the state board of
140 education. The charter school shall not be required to be a
141 part of the local educational agency of such school district
142 and may maintain a separate local educational agency status.

143 7. School districts and charter schools shall provide
144 public reporting of information contained in subsection 2 of
145 this section on an annual basis as provided in this
146 section. The school district and charter school reports
147 shall be distributed to all media outlets serving the
148 district or charter school, and shall be made available to
149 all district and charter school patrons, and to the
150 department. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
151 contrary, any provision of information by local control
152 school districts pursuant to the provisions of this section
153 shall not be construed as authorizing the department of
154 elementary and secondary education to use such information
155 for the purposes of classification or accreditation of local
156 control school districts. ".