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Opinion Committee

Honorable Dan Morales  
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Dear Dan:

I would appreciate your drafting a letter of opinion on something that has come up in my district. Mason Independent School District is requesting to be reassigned to another County Education District (C.E.D.). They are currently included with Llano I.S.D. and San Saba County School Districts but would prefer to be included in a single county C.E.D. or with the Gillespie County C.E.D.. Mason is located in parts of 5 counties and part of the Gillespie C.E.D. already includes a part of Mason County.

Does the Commissioner of Education have the authority to create a new C.E.D. or reassign a district to an already created C.E.D.? I was under the impression that this authority was given to the Commissioner in S.B. 351 and H.B. 2885 with certain stipulations.

Due to the time constraints the districts are under to set their new tax rates, your prompt attention to my request will be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call or contact Miss Patricia V. Martinez, of my staff, at 463-0125 if there are any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

Bill Sims

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COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICTS

Creation: Composition

Bill Reference:

S.B. 351 §2 adds TEC §20.941; H.B. 2885 §7 amends TEC §20.941(a) and (b); H.B. 2885 §11 adds TEC §20.949

Short Summary:

A county education district (CED) is created by legislative declaration. A CED is composed of all school districts that are assigned to a single county in the 1990-91 Texas School Directory. There are named exceptions in the law where ninety-seven (97) counties are combined in multi-county CEDs. The largest of these has 7 included counties; there are several with only two counties. The result is that there are 188 CEDs in the state instead of 254.



A school district may submit a request to the commissioner of education for reassignment if the school district is assigned to a county other than the county where its administrative offices are located. The commissioner shall grant the request for reassignment if the reassignment does not result in the reconfigured CEDs having taxable values over \$280,000 per weighted student in average daily attendance or an amount set by the foundation school fund budget committee.

Before future regular sessions of the legislature, the Legislative Education Board reviews the CED boundaries to assure taxable properties remain at less than \$280,000 per weighted ADA. All the LEB shall recommend changes to ensure this ratio is maintained.

Implications for 9/1/91:

Each district will be notified of the CED in which it is assigned.