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Bill Analysis

SB 598 requires the State Department of Education to publish a list of all dependent and independent school districts that received a school grade of D or lower from the annual report by February 1, 2021. School districts on the list must have an average daily membership (ADM) of 250 or less for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. School districts on the list may voluntarily consolidate administrative services with a contiguous district. The timeline after approval by the State Board of Education depends on the ADM of the district and is set forth in the measure. The State Board of Education may also formulate a consolidation agreement if a school district on the list does not voluntarily agree to consolidation.

Beginning February 1, 2024, and each February 1 thereafter, the State Department of Education shall publish a list of all dependent and independent school districts with the same ADM and school grade as those listed above. School districts on the list may voluntarily agree to administrative consolidation. The State Board of Education may also formulate a consolidation agreement if a school district on the list does not voluntarily agree to consolidation. School districts may apply to the State Board of Education for an exemption from the administrative consolidation if the high school within the district is more than sixty miles away from the nearest high school in a contiguous district.

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