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**TSTA: Senate education plan misses the mark**

Texas State Teachers Association President Noel Candelaria released the following statement on the package of education bills proposed today by Senate Education Chairman Larry Taylor and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick:

“None of the proposals offered by Senator Taylor and the Lieutenant Governor would give teachers and students the time and resources they need to improve teaching and learning.

“The Taylor-Patrick agenda fails to meet the needs of 5 million public school students whose schools have been inadequately funded by the very legislators who are eager to declare schools a failure based on standardized test scores.

“Educators want legislators to demonstrate a genuine commitment to strengthening neighborhood public schools instead of handing them over to outsiders who have no direct stake in our students’ success.”