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Representative Coleman on Bill to Repeal Language Allowing TEA to Take Over Schools and School Districts

HOUSTON – Today, April 26, 2018, Representative Garnet Coleman (D-147) announced that he will be filing a bill when the 86th Legislature convenes in 2019 to repeal statutory language that allows for the Texas Education Agency to take over schools and entire local school districts. He released the following statement:

"The intent of House Bill 1842 in the 84th Regular Texas Legislative Session—which I voted against—was to improve chronically underperforming schools who had no solution in sight. However, the law has fallen short and created a quagmire that is putting our schools and school districts in jeopardy. I will work with my Harris County colleagues towards a reasonable solution that repeals or substantially modifies the language that passed as part of HB 1842.

Many members have been pointing out for decades that something needs to be done to improve our children's education in underperforming schools, but HB 1842 did not accomplish that. Our school districts need several options that allow them to find the best solution to fit their community, but burning down the house does not solve the problem. Our children and parents deserve good schools in every neighborhood."

Representative Coleman is available for comment.

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