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H.B. No. 1726

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to reporting the number of incidents of bullying and  
3 cyberbullying in a school district and open-enrollment charter  
4 school through the Public Education Information Management System.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 48.009, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-4) to read as follows:

8 (b-4) The commissioner by rule shall require each school  
9 district and open-enrollment charter school to annually report  
10 through the Public Education Information Management System the  
11 number of reported incidents of bullying that have occurred at each  
12 campus. The commissioner's rules shall require a district or  
13 school to specify the number of incidents of bullying that included  
14 cyberbullying.

15 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
16 school year.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.