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H.B. No. 2297

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to prohibiting certain releases of a student to the  
3 student's parent after school-initiated communication by a school  
4 district and open-enrollment charter school.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 25.0875 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 25.0875. CERTAIN RELEASES OF STUDENT TO PARENT AFTER  
9 SCHOOL-INITIATED COMMUNICATION PROHIBITED. (a) In this section,  
10 "parent" includes a person standing in parental relation.

11 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a school district  
12 or open-enrollment charter school may not release a student to the  
13 student's parent before the end of the instructional day and after  
14 the parent receives a school-initiated communication if the release  
15 of the student is:

16 (1) a disciplinary management technique; or

17 (2) a reaction to the student's behavior that impedes  
18 the student's ability to learn but does not:

19 (A) violate the student code of conduct under  
20 Section 37.001; or

21 (B) require disciplinary action.

22 (c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may  
23 release a student to the student's parent before the end of the  
24 instructional day if the student's release occurs because the

1 student is suspended under Section 37.005 or expelled under Section  
2 37.0052, 37.007, or 37.0081.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
4 school year.

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