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H.B. No. 3315

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3315:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3315

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a school district's grievance procedure regarding  
complaints concerning violation of parental rights.

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

SECTION 1. Section 26.011, Education Code, is amended by  
adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) The grievance procedure adopted under Subsection (a)  
must:

(1) provide for:

(A) a parent's complaint to be:

(i) filed in writing with the principal of  
the campus at which the parent's student is enrolled; and

(ii) considered timely regardless of when  
the conduct giving rise to the complaint occurred if the complaint  
alleges a violation of law or board policy that is continuous or  
ongoing;

(B) if the principal does not grant the requested  
relief, an appeal on written request to the district superintendent  
or the superintendent's designee that includes a review of all  
documents considered by the principal;

(C) if the superintendent or the  
superintendent's designee does not grant the requested relief, an  
appeal on written request to the board of trustees of the district  
that:

1 (i) includes a review of all documents  
2 considered by the principal and the superintendent or the  
3 superintendent's designee;

4 (ii) unless otherwise agreed to by the  
5 parties, must be finally decided not later than 120 calendar days  
6 after the date on which the request for the appeal was submitted;  
7 and

8 (iii) if a final decision is not rendered  
9 before the date described by Subparagraph (ii), requires the board  
10 to immediately render a final decision on the complaint in favor of  
11 the parent; and

12 (D) if the board of trustees of the district does  
13 not grant the requested relief, notice to the parent regarding the  
14 parent's right to file an appeal with the commissioner under  
15 Section 7.057; and

16 (2) be:

17 (A) posted in a prominent location on the  
18 district's Internet website, along with instructions on how a  
19 parent may file a complaint; and

20 (B) provided to the parent of each student  
21 enrolled in the district at the beginning of each school year and on  
22 request.

23 (d) The agency shall:

24 (1) adopt a model grievance procedure for use by  
25 school districts under this section; and

26 (2) post on the agency's Internet website a copy of the  
27 model grievance procedure and general guidelines regarding how a

1 parent may file a complaint with a school district under this  
2 section or appeal a district's decision to the commissioner under  
3 Section 7.057.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
5 school year.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.