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H.B. No. 3315

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

9 (1) provide for:

10 (A) a parent's complaint to be filed in writing  
11 with the principal of the campus at which the parent's student is  
12 enrolled;

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

17 (C) if the superintendent or the  
18 superintendent's designee does not grant the requested relief, an  
19 appeal on written request to the board of trustees of the district  
20 that includes a review of all documents considered by the principal  
21 and the superintendent or the superintendent's designee; and

22 (D) if the board of trustees of the district does  
23 not grant the requested relief, notice to the parent regarding the  
24 parent's right to file an appeal with the commissioner under

1 Section 7.057; and

2 (2) be:

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

6 (B) provided to the parent of each student  
7 enrolled in the district at the beginning of each school year and on  
8 request.

9 (d) The agency shall:

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

12 (2) post on the agency's Internet website a copy of the  
13 model grievance policy and general guidelines regarding how a  
14 parent may file a complaint with a school district under this  
15 section or appeal a district's decision to the commissioner under  
16 Section 7.057.

17 (e) A grievance procedure adopted under this section may not  
18 require a parent to file a complaint within a specified period of  
19 time.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
21 school year.

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