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H.B. No. 774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to courses offered to public school students placed in alternative education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.008(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district shall provide an alternative education program that:

(1) is provided in a setting other than a student's regular classroom;

(2) is located on or off of a regular school campus;

(3) provides for the students who are assigned to the alternative education program to be separated from students who are not assigned to the program;

(4) focuses on English language arts, mathematics, science, history, and self-discipline;

(5) provides for students' educational and behavioral needs, including, in accordance with commissioner rule, a course necessary for a high school student to fulfill the student's high school graduation requirements in a timely manner; and

(6) provides supervision and counseling.

SECTION 2. Section 37.008(1), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

1           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.