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H.B. No. 862

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a prohibition of discrimination by public educational
3 institutions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 1.0021 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1.0021. DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED. (a) In this
8 section, "sexual preference" means only a preference for
9 heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality.

10 (b) A public educational institution or employee of a public
11 educational institution may not discriminate against a student
12 enrolled in the institution on account of the ethnicity, color,
13 gender, gender identity, sexual preference, disability, religion,
14 or national origin of the student or the student's parent.

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