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H.B. No. 2117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the protection of students and employees from acts of violence on campus by another student or employee at a state-supported institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. SUBCHAPTER E-1, Chapter 51, Education Code is amended by adding section 51.245 to read as follows.

Sec. 51.245. THREATENED ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE. If the chief administrative officer of a state-supported institution of higher education or his designee determines that an individual student or employee constitutes a substantial and material threat to human life on campus, the chief administrative officer or his designee shall take every reasonable precaution to protect students and employees threatened with an act of violence by another student or employee. A student or employee who is determined to be a substantial and material threat to human life on campus may be removed from campus. Each state-supported institution of higher education shall develop a procedure for implementing this section, which shall include adequate due process for any student or employee affected by this section.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.