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H.B. No. 2503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limiting a public school administrator's referral of a student to a law enforcement official for the student's violation of the student code of conduct.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.021 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.021. LIMITATION ON REFERRAL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL FOR VIOLATION OF STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT. A school administrator may not refer a student to a law enforcement official on the basis of conduct by the student that violates the student code of conduct but that the administrator knows or has reason to know is not a criminal offense.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if 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 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.