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S.B. No. 150

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school district student codes of conduct provisions addressing the prevention of and education concerning bullying.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.001(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of trustees of an independent school district shall, with the advice of its district-level committee established under Section 11.251, adopt a student code of conduct for the district. The student code of conduct must be posted and prominently displayed at each school campus. In addition to establishing standards for student conduct, the student code of conduct must:

(1) specify the circumstances, in accordance with this subchapter, under which a student may be removed from a classroom, campus, or alternative education program;

(2) specify conditions that authorize or require a principal or other appropriate administrator to transfer a student to an alternative education program; ~~and~~

(3) outline conditions under which a student may be suspended as provided by Section 37.005 or expelled as provided by Section 37.007; and

(4) provide for prevention of and education concerning bullying, including prevention of and education concerning sexual

1 harassment and unwanted physical or verbal aggression, in school,  
2 on school grounds, in school vehicles, at school bus stops, and at  
3 school-sponsored or school-related activities.

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