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H.B. No. 60

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to discrimination by public educational institutions and a
3 report regarding bullying in the public schools.

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 orientation" means actual or perceived
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 orientation, disability, religion,
14 or national origin of the student or the student's parent.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 37.085 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 37.085. REPORT ON BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION. (a) In
18 this section, "sexual orientation" has the meaning assigned by
19 Section 1.0021.

20 (b) The agency shall collect data on the prevalence in
21 public schools of bullying and discrimination based on the
22 ethnicity, color, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation,
23 disability, religion, or national origin of a student or a
24 student's parent.

1 (c) The agency shall deliver a report describing the data
2 collected to the legislature not later than January 1, 2007.

3 (d) This section expires June 1, 2007.

4 SECTION 3. 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 on the 91st day after the last day of the
9 legislative session.