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S.B. No. 973

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the right of a parent of a public school student to  
3 immediate notice of certain disciplinary action taken against the  
4 student.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding  
7 Section 26.0083 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 26.0083. RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY  
9 ACTION. (a) A parent is entitled to immediate notice from a school  
10 district if the parent's child is removed from class under Section  
11 37.006 for placement in a disciplinary alternative education  
12 program or under Section 37.007 for expulsion or placement in a  
13 juvenile justice alternative education program.

14 (b) A noncustodial parent who has requested notice of  
15 disciplinary actions as provided by Section 37.0091 is entitled to  
16 notice under Subsection (a).

17 SECTION 2. Section 26.0083, Education Code, as added by  
18 this Act, applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.