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H.B. No. 509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the enrollment in public school of certain students who
3 are registered sex offenders.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 25.0012 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 25.0012. ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN REGISTERED SEX
8 OFFENDERS RESTRICTED. (a) In this section, "reportable conviction
9 or adjudication" and "sexually violent offense" have the meanings
10 assigned by Article 62.001, Code of Criminal Procedure.

11 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c) and
12 notwithstanding Section 25.001, a student may not enroll at a
13 public school campus if the student is required to register as a sex
14 offender under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, as a result
15 of a reportable conviction or adjudication for a sexually violent
16 offense.

17 (c) Notwithstanding Subchapter A, Chapter 37, a student to
18 whom this section applies and who is not exempt from the compulsory
19 school attendance requirements under Section 25.086 shall enroll in
20 a disciplinary alternative education program under Section 37.008
21 or a juvenile justice alternative education program under Section
22 37.011.

23 SECTION 2. Section 25.0012, Education Code, as added by
24 this Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the

1 effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the
2 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
3 offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for
4 that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was
5 committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of
6 the offense occurred before that date.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.