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H.B. No. 572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to reports of incidents of bullying at public schools and  
3 at public school activities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.083, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) In accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner,  
8 each school district shall report annually to the agency  
9 information regarding each incident of bullying that occurred  
10 during the preceding school year in the district on school  
11 property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored or  
12 school-related activity, including at a school bus stop. The  
13 agency shall include the information in the comprehensive annual  
14 report required by Section 39.182.

15 SECTION 2. (a) Each school district shall submit to the  
16 Texas Education Agency information as required under Section  
17 37.083(a-1), Education Code, as added by this Act, beginning with  
18 the 2008-2009 school year based on incidents of bullying during the  
19 2007-2008 school year.

20 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall include the  
21 information required under Section 37.083(a-1), Education Code, as  
22 added by this Act, in the comprehensive annual report required by  
23 Section 39.182, Education Code, beginning with the report required  
24 to be submitted not later than December 1, 2008.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.