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H.B. No. 846

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the right of a parent of a public school student to
3 prompt 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 26.0082 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 26.0082. RIGHT TO PROMPT NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY
9 ACTION. (a) A parent is entitled to notice from a school district
10 as provided by this section if the parent's child is removed from
11 class under Section 37.002 or 37.006 or under the student code of
12 conduct adopted under Section 37.001 for placement in a
13 disciplinary alternative education program or under Section 37.007
14 for expulsion or placement in a juvenile justice alternative
15 education program. A school district shall provide the notice
16 required by this subsection not later than 5 p.m. on the first
17 business day after the day the student is removed from class.

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

21 SECTION 2. Section 26.0082, Education Code, as added by
22 this Act, applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.