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H.B. No. 1624

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of information by a school district relating to certain offenses committed by certain students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.023 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.023. REPORT RELATING TO CERTAIN OFFENSES COMMITTED BY CERTAIN STUDENTS. (a) In the manner required by the commissioner, each school district shall annually report to the commissioner information relating to an offense that does not involve the use of a weapon:

(1) committed by a student in kindergarten through grade five, during school hours, and on school property; and

(2) for which the student receives a citation.

(b) Conduct that must be reported under Subsection (a) includes only conduct that:

(1) is not harassment as defined by Section 37.001;

(2) occurs between two students;

(3) is not violent;

(4) involves open-handed physical contact; and

(5) is not intended to cause harm and is playful.

(c) The report required under Subsection (a) must include:

(1) the offense committed by the student;

(2) the age and sex of the student;

1           (3) the grade level of the student; and

2           (4) the campus to which the student is assigned.

3           (d) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement  
4 this section.

5           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
6 school year.

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