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H.B. No. 1776

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to restricting students who fail to perform satisfactorily
3 on state-administered assessment instruments from participating in
4 extracurricular activities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 33.081, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (c) A student who is enrolled in a school district in this
10 state or who participates in a University Interscholastic League
11 competition shall be suspended from participation in any
12 extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school
13 district or the University Interscholastic League after a grade
14 evaluation period in which the student received a grade lower than
15 the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other
16 than an identified honors or advanced class. A suspension
17 continues for at least three school weeks and is not removed during
18 the school year until the conditions of Subsection (d) are met. A
19 suspension under this subsection does not last beyond the end of a
20 school year. For purposes of this subsection, "grade evaluation
21 period" means:

22 (1) the six-week grade reporting period; or

23 (2) the first six weeks of a semester and each grade
24 reporting period thereafter, in the case of a district with a grade

1 reporting period longer than six weeks.

2 (d-1) A student who is enrolled in a school district in this
3 state or who participates in a University Interscholastic League
4 competition shall be suspended from participation in any
5 extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school
6 district or the University Interscholastic League for the first six
7 weeks of the school year following a school year in which the
8 student did not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument
9 administered under Section 39.023(a), (c), or (l) any of the times
10 that the particular assessment instrument was administered to the
11 student.

12 SECTION 2. Section 33.081(d-1), Education Code, as added by
13 this Act, applies beginning with the 2008-2009 school year based on
14 student performance on an assessment instrument administered under
15 Section 39.023(a), (c), or (l), Education Code, during the
16 2007-2008 school year.

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