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H.B. No. 2136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to public disclosure of student referrals for services  
3 made by counselors in public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 33.006, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) This subsection applies only to a school district that,  
8 during the preceding school year, made at least 20 total referrals  
9 under Subsection (b)(2) at the middle school, junior high school,  
10 and high school levels. In order to provide public disclosure of  
11 the types of referrals made under Subsection (b)(2), each school  
12 district to which this subsection applies shall include in the  
13 performance report required by Section 39.053 a list of each  
14 agency, organization, or other entity to which one or more district  
15 students in middle school, junior high school, or high school was  
16 referred by a counselor for services during the preceding school  
17 year and the number of times that a referral was made to each listed  
18 agency, organization, or other entity. A school district shall  
19 provide the information required by this subsection in a manner  
20 that does not identify the specific students involved.

21 SECTION 2. Section 33.006(d), Education Code, as added by  
22 this Act, applies beginning with the performance report required to  
23 be published under Section 39.053, Education Code, for the  
24 2007-2008 school year.

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.