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H.B. No. 2183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public school safety and the safety plan of a campus.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0071 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0071. SAFETY OVERSIGHT BY COMMISSIONER. (a) Not later than the third school day after the day a school district expels a student under Section 37.007(a)(2), the district shall report the expulsion to the commissioner.

(b) On the first expulsion of any student from a campus under Section 37.007(a)(2) during a school year, the commissioner may require the campus to consult with the Texas School Safety Center established under Subchapter G to determine appropriate school safety and security procedures.

(c) On the second expulsion of any student from the same campus under Section 37.007(a)(2) during a school year, the commissioner shall:

(1) review any safety plan adopted by the campus;

(2) require the campus to consult with the Texas School Safety Center to determine appropriate safety and security procedures; and

(3) require the campus to consult with a local or state law enforcement agency on appropriate safety and security measures to be implemented by the campus.

1       (d) On the third expulsion of any student from the same  
2 campus under Section 37.007(a)(2) during a school year, the  
3 commissioner shall:

4           (1) establish a safety plan at the campus and monitor  
5 the implementation of the plan; and

6           (2) review the safety plan each quarter.

7       (e) The commissioner may require a campus subject to the  
8 commissioner's safety plan under Subsection (d) to submit to the  
9 commissioner student statistics regarding safety and violence at  
10 the campus. The commissioner is responsible for the safety plan of  
11 the campus until the commissioner determines that the school  
12 district may resume control of the safety plan.

13       (f) The cost for implementing a safety plan established by  
14 the commissioner at a campus under Subsection (d) is the  
15 responsibility of the school district in which the campus is  
16 located.

17       SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
18 school year.

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