

1-1 By: Janek S.B. No. 1517  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 18, 2007,  
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-5 April 18, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to an exemption for students enrolled in certain advanced  
1-9 courses from the requirement that a student be suspended from  
1-10 participation in extracurricular activities for receiving an  
1-11 unsatisfactory grade.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 33.081, Education Code, is amended by  
1-14 amending Subsections (c) and (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to  
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (c) A student who is enrolled in a school district in this  
1-17 state or who participates in a University Interscholastic League  
1-18 competition shall be suspended from participation in any  
1-19 extracurricular activity sponsored or sanctioned by the school  
1-20 district or the University Interscholastic League after a grade  
1-21 evaluation period in which the student received a grade lower than  
1-22 the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100 in any academic class other  
1-23 than a course described by Subsection (d-1) [~~an identified honors~~  
1-24 ~~or advanced class~~]. A suspension continues for at least three  
1-25 school weeks and is not removed during the school year until the  
1-26 conditions of Subsection (d) are met. A suspension does not last  
1-27 beyond the end of a school year. For purposes of this subsection,  
1-28 "grade evaluation period" means:

1-29 (1) the six-week grade reporting period; or

1-30 (2) the first six weeks of a semester and each grade  
1-31 reporting period thereafter, in the case of a district with a grade  
1-32 reporting period longer than six weeks.

1-33 (d) Until the suspension is removed under this subsection or  
1-34 the school year ends, a school district shall review the grades of a  
1-35 student suspended under Subsection (c) at the end of each  
1-36 three-week period following the date on which the suspension began.  
1-37 At the time of a review, the suspension is removed if the student's  
1-38 grade in each class, other than a course described by Subsection  
1-39 (d-1) [~~an identified honors or advanced class~~], is equal to or  
1-40 greater than the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100. The principal  
1-41 and each of the student's teachers shall make the determination  
1-42 concerning the student's grades.

1-43 (d-1) Subsections (c) and (d) do not apply to an identified  
1-44 honors, advanced placement, international baccalaureate, or dual  
1-45 credit course in the subject area of English language arts,  
1-46 mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or a language  
1-47 other than English. The agency shall review on a biennial basis  
1-48 courses described by this subsection to determine if other courses  
1-49 should be excluded from the requirement that a student be suspended  
1-50 from participation in an extracurricular activity under Subsection  
1-51 (c). Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the agency  
1-52 shall report the findings under this subsection to the legislature.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
1-54 school year.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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