

Amend **HB 171** (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Sections 37.008(a) and (1), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district shall provide a disciplinary alternative education program that:

(1) is provided in a setting other than a student's regular classroom;

(2) is located on or off of a regular school campus;

(3) provides for the students who are assigned to the disciplinary alternative education program to be separated from students who are not assigned to the program;

(4) provides structured courses in [focuses on] English language arts, mathematics, science, history, and self-discipline that are equivalent in content and rigor to courses in those subjects as provided in the regular classroom setting;

(5) provides for students' educational and behavioral needs;

(6) provides supervision and counseling;

(7) employs only teachers who meet all certification requirements established under Subchapter B, Chapter 21; ~~and~~

(8) provides not less than the minimum amount of instructional time per day required by Section 25.082(a); and

(9) provides an established curriculum for each grade level that provides students an opportunity to achieve promotion to the next grade level or to graduate from high school on the same schedule as students in the regular classroom setting.

(1) A school district is required to provide in the district's disciplinary alternative education program a course necessary to fulfill a student's high school graduation requirements ~~[only as provided by this subsection]~~. A school district shall offer a student removed to a disciplinary alternative education program an opportunity to complete coursework before the beginning of the next school year. The school district may provide the student an opportunity to complete coursework through any method available, including a

correspondence course, distance learning, or summer school. The district may not charge the student for a course provided under this subsection.