

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

SECTION _____. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.0012 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0012. DESIGNATION OF CAMPUS DISCIPLINE OFFICER. (a) A person at each campus must be designated to serve as the campus discipline officer. The person designated may be the principal of the campus or any other campus administrator selected by the principal.

(b) The campus discipline officer is primarily responsible for maintaining student discipline and the implementation of this subchapter.

(c) The specific duties of the campus discipline officer may be established by campus or district policy. Unless otherwise provided by campus or district policy:

(1) a duty imposed on a campus principal or other campus administrator under this subchapter shall be performed by the campus discipline officer; and

(2) a power granted to a campus principal or other campus administrator under this subchapter may be exercised by the campus discipline officer.

(d) The campus discipline officer shall promptly notify a student's parent or guardian as provided by this subsection if under this subchapter the student is placed into in-school or out-of-school suspension, placed in a disciplinary alternative education program, expelled, or placed in a juvenile justice alternative education program or is taken into custody by a law enforcement officer. A campus discipline officer must comply with this subsection by:

(1) promptly contacting the parent or guardian by telephone or in person; and

(2) making a good faith effort to provide written notice of the disciplinary action to the student, on the day the action is taken, for delivery to the student's parent or guardian.

(e) If a parent or guardian entitled to notice under Subsection (d) has not been reached by telephone or in person by 5

p.m. of the first business day after the day the disciplinary action is taken, a campus discipline officer shall mail written notice of the action to the parent or guardian at the parent's or guardian's last known address.

(f) If a campus discipline officer is unable or not available to promptly provide notice under Subsection (d), the principal or other designee shall provide the notice.

(g) This section does not create any liability for or cause of action against a school district or a school district's officers or employees.

SECTION _____. Section 37.002(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A teacher may send a student to the campus discipline officer's [~~principal's~~] office to maintain effective discipline in the classroom. The campus discipline officer [~~principal~~] shall respond by employing appropriate discipline management techniques consistent with the student code of conduct adopted under Section 37.001 that can reasonably be expected to improve the student's behavior before returning the student to the classroom.

SECTION _____. Section 37.009(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the third class day after the day on which a student is removed from class by the teacher under Section 37.002(b) or (d) or by the school principal or other appropriate administrator under Section 37.001(a)(2) or 37.006, the campus discipline officer [~~principal~~] or other appropriate administrator shall schedule a conference among the campus discipline officer [~~principal~~] or other appropriate administrator, a parent or guardian of the student, the teacher removing the student from class, if any, and the student. At the conference, the student is entitled to written or oral notice of the reasons for the removal, an explanation of the basis for the removal, and an opportunity to respond to the reasons for the removal. The student may not be returned to the regular classroom pending the conference. Following the conference, and whether or not each requested person is in attendance after valid attempts to require the person's attendance, the campus discipline officer, after consideration of

the factors under Section 37.001(a)(4), [~~principal~~] shall order the placement of the student for a period consistent with the student code of conduct. If school district policy allows a student to appeal to the board of trustees or the board's designee a decision of the campus discipline officer [~~principal~~] or other appropriate administrator, other than an expulsion under Section 37.007, the decision of the board or the board's designee is final and may not be appealed. If the period of the placement is inconsistent with the guidelines included in the student code of conduct under Section 37.001(a)(5), the order must give notice of the inconsistency. The period of the placement may not exceed one year unless, after a review, the district determines that[+]

[~~(1)~~] the student is a threat to the safety of other students or to district employees[~~+or~~

[~~(2) extended placement is in the best interest of the student~~].