

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 37.0015 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.0015. RIGHT TO PROMPT NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION. (a) A parent is entitled to prompt notice from a school district as provided by this section if under this subchapter the parent's child 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 school district must comply with this subsection by:

(1) promptly contacting the parent 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.

(b) If a parent entitled to notice under Subsection (a) 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 school district shall mail written notice of the action to the parent at the parent's last known address.

SECTION _____. Section 37.008, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (1-1) to read as follows:

(1-1) A school district shall provide the parents of a student removed to a disciplinary alternative education program with written notice of the district's obligation under Subsection (1) to provide the student with an opportunity to complete coursework required for graduation. The notice must:

(1) include information regarding all methods available for completing the coursework; and

(2) state that the methods are available at no cost to the student.

SECTION _____. Section 37.009, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A school principal or other appropriate administrator

shall prepare and maintain documentation regarding each conference held under Subsection (a). The documentation must:

(1) indicate the date and time the conference was held;

(2) identify:

(A) each person who attended the conference by name and profession; and

(B) each person who failed to attend the conference after being requested to attend, including the reason for the failure to attend, if known; and

(3) state the outcome of the conference.

SECTION ____ . Section 37.0091(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A noncustodial parent may request in writing that a school district or school, for the remainder of the school year in which the request is received, provide that parent with:

(1) a copy of any written notification relating to student misconduct under Section 37.006 or 37.007 that is generally provided by the district or school to a student's parent or guardian; and

(2) any notice required by Section 37.0015.