

Amend HB 2280 by striking SECTION 1 of the bill and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0412 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0412. EDUCATOR'S RIGHT TO REMOVE STUDENT. (a) An educator may not retaliate against another educator for having removed a student from that educator's classroom as provided by Section 37.002.

(b) Actions that may be considered retaliation under this section include:

(1) suspending or terminating the employment of the educator; and

(2) taking other adverse personnel action against the educator, including reassigning the educator or giving the educator a negative appraisal.

(c) This section does not affect any other remedy allowed by law.

(d) It shall be an affirmative defense to the issuance of sanctions that the educator's removal of the student was not in accordance with Section 37.002 or Section 37.004, and that the educator did not act in good faith in removing the student.