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H.B. No. 484

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reports of incidents of bullying at public schools and
3 at public school activities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.083, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

7 (a-2) In accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner,
8 each school district shall report annually to the agency
9 information regarding each incident of bullying that occurred
10 during the preceding school year in the district on school
11 property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored or
12 school-related activity, including at a school bus stop. The
13 agency shall include the information in the comprehensive annual
14 report required by Section 39.182. For purposes of this subsection,
15 "bullying" has the meaning assigned by Section 25.0342.

16 SECTION 2. (a) Each school district shall submit to the
17 Texas Education Agency information as required under Section
18 37.083(a-2), Education Code, as added by this Act, beginning with
19 the 2010-2011 school year based on incidents of bullying during the
20 2009-2010 school year.

21 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall include the
22 information required under Section 37.083(a-2), Education Code, as
23 added by this Act, in the comprehensive annual report required by
24 Section 39.182, Education Code, beginning with the report required

1 to be submitted not later than December 1, 2010.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.