

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 33  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; February 10, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 March 2, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 2, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 33 By: Patrick

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to school district requirements regarding parental  
1-11 notification and documentation in connection with disciplinary  
1-12 alternative education programs.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 37.008, Education Code, is amended by  
1-15 adding Subsection (1-1) to read as follows:

1-16 (1-1) A school district shall provide the parents of a  
1-17 student removed to a disciplinary alternative education program  
1-18 with written notice of the district's obligation under Subsection  
1-19 (1) to provide the student with an opportunity to complete  
1-20 coursework required for graduation. The notice must:

1-21 (1) include information regarding all methods  
1-22 available for completing the coursework; and

1-23 (2) state that the methods are available at no cost to  
1-24 the student.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 37.009, Education Code, is amended by  
1-26 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-27 (a-1) A school principal or other appropriate administrator  
1-28 shall prepare and maintain documentation regarding each conference  
1-29 held under Subsection (a). The documentation must:

1-30 (1) indicate the date and time the conference was  
1-31 held;

1-32 (2) identify:

1-33 (A) each person who attended the conference by  
1-34 name and profession; and

1-35 (B) each person who failed to attend the  
1-36 conference after being requested to attend, including the reason  
1-37 for the failure to attend, if known; and

1-38 (3) state the outcome of the conference.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010  
1-40 school year.

1-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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