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H.B. No. 24

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to placement of a student in a disciplinary alternative education program for bullying or cyber-bullying.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.006, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) In addition to Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), a student may be removed from class and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program under Section 37.008 based on conduct that:

(1) contains the elements of the offense of harassment under Section 42.07, Penal Code and is committed on school grounds; or

(2) contains the elements of the offense of harassment under Section 42.07, Penal Code, is committed off school grounds, and includes a communication or conveyance that is sent or received on a machine or device that is school property.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.