

AN ACT

relating to expulsion of a public school student who commits certain criminal acts involving a computer, computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf of a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.007(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A student may be expelled if the student:

(1) engages in conduct involving a public school that contains the elements of the offense of false alarm or report under Section 42.06, Penal Code, or terroristic threat under Section 22.07, Penal Code;

(2) while on or within 300 feet of school property, as measured from any point on the school's real property boundary line, or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off of school property:

(A) sells, gives, or delivers to another person or possesses, uses, or is under the influence of any amount of:

(i) marihuana or a controlled substance, as defined by Chapter 481, Health and Safety Code, or by 21 U.S.C. Section 801 et seq.;

(ii) a dangerous drug, as defined by Chapter 483, Health and Safety Code; or

(iii) an alcoholic beverage, as defined by

1 Section 1.04, Alcoholic Beverage Code;

2 (B) engages in conduct that contains the elements  
3 of an offense relating to an abusable volatile chemical under  
4 Sections 485.031 through 485.034, Health and Safety Code;

5 (C) engages in conduct that contains the elements  
6 of an offense under Section 22.01(a)(1), Penal Code, against a  
7 school district employee or a volunteer as defined by Section  
8 22.053; or

9 (D) engages in conduct that contains the elements  
10 of the offense of deadly conduct under Section 22.05, Penal Code;

11 (3) subject to Subsection (d), while within 300 feet  
12 of school property, as measured from any point on the school's real  
13 property boundary line:

14 (A) engages in conduct specified by Subsection  
15 (a); or

16 (B) possesses a firearm, as defined by 18 U.S.C.  
17 Section 921; ~~or~~

18 (4) engages in conduct that contains the elements of  
19 any offense listed in Subsection (a)(2)(A) or (C) or the offense of  
20 aggravated robbery under Section 29.03, Penal Code, against another  
21 student, without regard to whether the conduct occurs on or off of  
22 school property or while attending a school-sponsored or  
23 school-related activity on or off of school property; or

24 (5) engages in conduct that contains the elements of  
25 the offense of breach of computer security under Section 33.02,  
26 Penal Code, if:

27 (A) the conduct involves accessing a computer,

1 computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf  
2 of a school district; and

3 (B) the student knowingly:

4 (i) alters, damages, or deletes school  
5 district property or information; or

6 (ii) commits a breach of any other  
7 computer, computer network, or computer system.

8 SECTION 2. Section 37.007(b)(5), Education Code, as added  
9 by this Act, applies only to a student who engages in conduct  
10 described by Section 37.007(b)(5) on or after the effective date of  
11 this Act.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1224 was passed by the House on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1224 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor