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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to school district requirements regarding parental

3 notification and documentation in connection with disciplinary

4 alternative education programs.

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

6   SECTION 1. Section 37.008, Education Code, is amended by

7 adding Subsection (l-1) to read as follows:

8   (l-1) A school district shall provide the parents of a

9 student removed to a disciplinary alternative education program

10 with written notice of the district's obligation under Subsection

11 (l) to provide the student with an opportunity to complete

12 coursework required for graduation. The notice must:

13   (1) include information regarding all methods

14 available for completing the coursework; and

15   (2) state that the methods are available at no cost to

16 the student.

17   SECTION 2. Section 37.009, Education Code, is amended by

18 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

19   (a-1) A school principal or other appropriate administrator

20 shall prepare and maintain documentation regarding each conference

21 held under Subsection (a). The documentation must:

22   (1) indicate the date and time the conference was

23 held;

24   (2) identify:

1   (A)   each person who attended the conference by

2 name and profession; and

3   (B)   each person who failed to attend the

4 conference after being requested to attend, including the reason

5 for the failure to attend, if known; and

6   (3)   state the outcome of the conference.

7   SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012

8 school year.

9   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

13 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.