

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 49
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 8, 2010; January 31, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 March 24, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; March 24, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to school district requirements regarding parental
1-9 notification and documentation in connection with disciplinary
1-10 alternative education programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 37.008, Education Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (1-1) to read as follows:

1-14 (1-1) A school district shall provide the parents of a
1-15 student removed to a disciplinary alternative education program
1-16 with written notice of the district's obligation under Subsection
1-17 (1) to provide the student with an opportunity to complete
1-18 coursework required for graduation. The notice must:

1-19 (1) include information regarding all methods
1-20 available for completing the coursework; and

1-21 (2) state that the methods are available at no cost to
1-22 the student.

1-23 SECTION 2. Section 37.009, Education Code, is amended by
1-24 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (a-1) A school principal or other appropriate administrator
1-26 shall prepare and maintain documentation regarding each conference
1-27 held under Subsection (a). The documentation must:

1-28 (1) indicate the date and time the conference was
1-29 held;

1-30 (2) identify:

1-31 (A) each person who attended the conference by
1-32 name and profession; and

1-33 (B) each person who failed to attend the
1-34 conference after being requested to attend, including the reason
1-35 for the failure to attend, if known; and

1-36 (3) state the outcome of the conference.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
1-38 school year.

1-39 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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