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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 5 (house committee printing) on page 22
2 between lines 10 and 11 by adding the following appropriately
3 numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of
4 the bill accordingly:

5 SECTION _____. (a) Sections 37.008(a) and (1), Education
6 Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Each school district shall provide a disciplinary
8 alternative education program that:

9 (1) is provided in a setting other than a student's
10 regular classroom;

11 (2) is located on or off of a regular school campus;

12 (3) provides for the students who are assigned to the
13 disciplinary alternative education program to be separated from
14 students who are not assigned to the program;

15 (4) focuses on English language arts, mathematics,
16 science, history, and self-discipline;

17 (5) provides for students' educational and behavioral
18 needs;

19 (6) provides supervision and counseling;

20 (7) employs only teachers who meet all certification
21 requirements established under Subchapter B, Chapter 21; ~~and~~

22 (8) provides not less than the minimum amount of
23 instructional time per day required by Section 25.082(a); and

24 (9) provides for students who are assigned to the
25 disciplinary alternative education program for one semester or
26 more:

27 (A) structured courses in English language arts,
28 mathematics, science, and history that are equivalent in content
29 and rigor to courses in those subjects as provided in the regular

1 classroom setting; and

2 (B) an established curriculum for each grade
3 level that provides students an opportunity to achieve promotion to
4 the next grade level or to graduate from high school on the same
5 schedule as students in the regular classroom setting.

6 (1) A school district is required to provide in the
7 district's disciplinary alternative education program a course
8 necessary to fulfill a student's high school graduation
9 requirements [~~only as provided by this subsection~~]. A school
10 district shall offer a student removed to a disciplinary
11 alternative education program an opportunity to complete
12 coursework before the beginning of the next school year. The school
13 district may provide the student an opportunity to complete
14 coursework through any method available, including a
15 correspondence course, distance learning, or summer school. The
16 district may not charge the student for a course provided under this
17 subsection.

18 (b) This section applies beginning with the 2013-2014
19 school year.