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H.B. No. 2909

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to access to public alternative high schools and
3 high-school-level disciplinary alternative education programs for
4 advising concerning postsecondary educational and training
5 opportunities.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 29.0823 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 29.0823. ADVISING CONCERNING POSTSECONDARY
10 EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. A high school that
11 provides a flexible school day program under Section 29.0822 or a
12 similar alternative high school program shall allow access to the
13 school by counselors and advisors representing postsecondary
14 educational institutions to make presentations and advise the
15 program's students concerning opportunities for college and other
16 postsecondary education and training, student financial aid,
17 college tours, and early college education programs. The school may
18 adopt reasonable policies for administering this section,
19 including policies as to the periods during the school day when
20 access is allowed.

21 SECTION 2. Section 37.008, Education Code, is amended by
22 adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

23 (n) A disciplinary alternative education program for
24 students at the high school level shall allow access to the program

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2 institutions to make presentations and advise the program's
3 students concerning opportunities for college and other
4 postsecondary education and training, student financial aid,
5 college tours, and early college education programs. The program
6 may adopt reasonable policies for administering this subsection,
7 including policies as to the periods during the program day when
8 access is allowed.

9 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
10 school year.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.