

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Printing

By: Parker, Minjarez

H.B. No. 1559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public school Internet website information concerning  
local programs and services available to assist homeless students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 33.906 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.906. WEBSITE INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCAL PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST HOMELESS STUDENTS. (a) Except as  
provided by Subsection (e), each school that maintains an Internet  
website shall post on the website information regarding local  
programs and services, including charitable programs and services,  
available to assist homeless students.

(b) A school to which Subsection (a) applies shall make a  
good faith effort to compile information described by that  
subsection and shall post the information compiled in a format and  
style that is easily understandable by students or parents, as  
appropriate based on the grade levels the school offers.

(c) A representative of a local program or service available  
to assist homeless students may request to have information  
concerning the program or service posted on a school's website. A  
school may determine the information that is posted on the school's  
website and is not required to post information as requested by the  
representative.

(d) A school district is not liable for any harm to a student

1 that results in connection with a local program or service referred  
2 to on the website of a district school as provided by this section.

3 (e) This section does not apply to a school within a school  
4 district that:

5 (1) has an enrollment of fewer than 3,000 students;  
6 and

7 (2) is primarily located in a county with a population  
8 of less than 50,000.

9 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
10 school year.

11 SECTION 3. 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, 2015.

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: Van Taylor

1 Amend H.B. 1559 (senate committee report), in SECTION 1 of  
2 the bill, immediately following proposed Section 33.906(e),  
3 Education Code (page 1, between lines 52 and 53), insert the  
4 following subsection:

5 (f) This section expires September 1, 2025.

**ADOPTED**

MAY 26 2015

*Leta Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

ADOPTED

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

MAY 26 2015

BY:

Rodney Ellis

Atty. Gen.  
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend H.B. No. 1559 (senate committee printing) by adding  
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering  
3 subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_ . Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 38.020 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 38.020. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION CONCERNING NURSES.

7 (a) In this section, "nurse" means a nurse licensed under  
8 Chapter 301, Occupations Code.

9 (b) A public school, including an open-enrollment charter  
10 school, that does not have a full-time nurse or the equivalent  
11 of a full-time nurse assigned to be present on the campus for  
12 more than 30 consecutive instructional days during the same  
13 school year shall provide written notice of the absence of a  
14 nurse to the parent of or other person standing in parental  
15 relation to each student enrolled in the school.

16 (c) A school has the equivalent of a full-time nurse under  
17 Subsection (b) if the school has two or more nurses assigned to  
18 the school and those nurses' combined presence covers all  
19 regular student instructional hours at a campus during the  
20 regular school day.

21 (d) The principal of the school shall provide the notice  
22 required by Subsection (b) not later than the 30th instructional  
23 day after the first day the school does not have a full-time  
24 nurse assigned to be present on the campus.

25 (e) The school shall:

26 (1) make a good faith effort to ensure that the  
27 notice required by this section is provided in a bilingual form  
28 to any parent or other person standing in parental relation  
29 whose primary language is not English; and

1           (2) retain a copy of any notice provided under this  
2 section.

3           (f) A school may satisfy the notice requirement under  
4 Subsection (d) by posting the notice on the school's Internet  
5 website. Notice posted under this subsection must be accessible  
6 from the home page of the Internet website by use of not more  
7 than three links.

8           (g) A school district that is located in a county with a  
9 population of less than 100,000 is not required to provide the  
10 notice required by this section.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 27, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1559** by Parker (Relating to public school Internet website information concerning local programs and services available to assist homeless students.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p><b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would require certain schools that maintain an Internet website to post information regarding local programs and services, including charitable programs and services, available to assist homeless students.

The bill would require certain schools that did not have a full-time nurse assigned to it for more than 30 consecutive instructional days to provide written notice of this fact to each student's parent or guardian. A school could satisfy the notice requirement by posting the notice on the school's Internet website.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. School districts may incur some costs associated with compiling and posting information related to assisting homeless students.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency

**LBB Staff:** UP, JBi

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 18, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1559** by Parker (Relating to public school Internet website information concerning local programs and services available to assist homeless students.), **As Engrossed**

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 20, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Jimmie Don Aycock, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1559** by Parker (Relating to public school Internet website information concerning local programs and services available to assist homeless students.), **As Introduced**

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