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H.B. No. 1687

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an agreement between parents and classroom teachers of public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 26.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.014. AGREEMENT STATING RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENT, STUDENT, AND TEACHER. (a) Each school district shall develop a written agreement form for each grade level offered by the district, including prekindergarten, that states the responsibilities of:

(1) a student enrolled in that grade level;

(2) the student's parent or guardian; and

(3) each of the student's classroom teachers.

(b) An agreement form adopted under Subsection (a) must be signed at the beginning of each school year by a student's parent or guardian and:

(1) the student's primary classroom teacher, if the student is enrolled at an elementary school grade level; or

(2) one of the student's teachers in a foundation curriculum subject under Section 28.002, as designated by the campus principal, if the student is enrolled at a middle school, junior high school, or high school grade level.

(c) An agreement form adopted under Subsection (a) must

1 include a space for a student to sign the form, if the student  
2 elects to do so. A student is not required to sign the form.

3 (d) Each school district shall determine the methods for  
4 enforcing the agreements adopted by the district under Subsection  
5 (a), including any penalties incurred if a teacher, parent, or  
6 guardian refuses to sign the agreement.

7 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018  
8 school year.

9 SECTION 3. 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, 2017.