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H.B. No. 1731

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the inclusion of students receiving treatment in a  
3 residential facility in the determination of dropout rates for  
4 purposes of public school accountability.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (f), Section 39.054, Education Code,  
7 as effective September 1, 2017, is transferred to Section 39.053,  
8 Education Code, redesignated as Subsection (g-3), Section 39.053,  
9 Education Code, and amended to read as follows:

10 (g-3) [(f)] In the computation of dropout rates under  
11 Subsections (c)(4)(A)(i) [Sections 39.053(c)(4)(A)(i)] and  
12 (B)(ii)(a), a student who is released from a juvenile  
13 pre-adjudication secure detention facility or juvenile  
14 post-adjudication secure correctional facility and fails to enroll  
15 in school or a student who leaves a residential treatment center or  
16 facility, including a residential facility under Section 29.012,  
17 after receiving treatment [~~for fewer than 85 days~~] and fails to  
18 enroll in school may not be considered to have dropped out from the  
19 school district or campus serving the facility or center unless  
20 that district or campus is the one to which the student is regularly  
21 assigned. The agency may not limit an appeal relating to dropout  
22 computations under this subsection.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.