

By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 1731

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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