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H.B. No. 4070

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to increasing the punishment for certain offenses that
3 occur on the grounds of a school district and involve expressions of
4 bias or prejudice against certain groups.

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

6 SECTION 1. Article 42.014(b), Code of Criminal Procedure,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the
9 ~~[The]~~ sentencing judge may, as a condition of punishment, require
10 attendance in an educational program to further tolerance and
11 acceptance of others. If an offense under Section 28.03 or 28.08,
12 Penal Code, occurred on the grounds of a school district, the
13 sentencing judge shall, as a condition of punishment, require
14 attendance in an educational program to further tolerance and
15 acceptance of others.

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