

AN ACT

relating to the suspension of a student who is homeless from public school.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.005, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may not place a student who is homeless in out-of-school suspension unless the student engages in conduct described by Subsections (c)(1)-(3) while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off of school property. The campus behavior coordinator may coordinate with the school district's homeless education liaison to identify appropriate alternatives to out-of-school suspension for a student who is homeless. In this subsection, "student who is homeless" has the meaning assigned to the term "homeless children and youths" under 42 U.S.C. Section 11434a.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 692 was passed by the House on April 9, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 692 on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 692 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor