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H.B. No. 3219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the discipline and behavior management of a public school student.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.0012, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) If a student violates the student code of conduct adopted under Section 37.001, the campus behavior coordinator may:

(1) create a behavior contract for the student stating that appropriate disciplinary action may be taken against the student as provided by the student code of conduct if the student continues to engage in the violative behavior; and

(2) require the student and the student's parent or guardian to sign the contract as a condition of not taking immediate disciplinary action against the student.

SECTION 2. Section 37.008(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district shall provide a disciplinary alternative education program that:

(1) is provided in a setting other than a student's regular classroom;

(2) is located on or off of a regular school campus;

(3) provides for the students who are assigned to the disciplinary alternative education program to be separated from

1 students who are not assigned to the program;

2 (4) focuses on English language arts, mathematics,  
3 science, history, and self-discipline;

4 (5) provides for students' educational and behavioral  
5 needs, including by administering relevant behavioral assessments;

6 (6) provides supervision and counseling; and

7 (7) employs only teachers who meet all certification  
8 requirements established under Subchapter B, Chapter 21.

9 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
10 school year.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.