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S.B. No. 1451

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the ability of public school teachers to maintain  
3 student discipline without being subjected to adverse employment  
4 consequences.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section [21.351](#), Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

8 (a-1) In adopting criteria described by Subsection (a)(1),  
9 the commissioner shall ensure that a teacher may not be assigned an  
10 area of deficiency in an appraisal solely on the basis of  
11 disciplinary referrals made by the teacher or documentation  
12 regarding student conduct submitted by the teacher under Section  
13 [37.002](#).

14 SECTION 2. Section [21.352](#), Education Code, is amended by  
15 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

16 (a-1) A school district may not assign an area of deficiency  
17 to a teacher solely on the basis of disciplinary referrals made by  
18 the teacher or documentation regarding student conduct submitted by  
19 the teacher under Section [37.002](#).

20 SECTION 3. Section [37.002](#), Education Code, is amended by  
21 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

22 (b-1) A teacher may document any conduct by a student that  
23 does not conform to the student code of conduct adopted under  
24 Section [37.001](#) and may submit that documentation to the principal.

1 A school district may not discipline a teacher on the basis of  
2 documentation submitted under this subsection.

3 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
4 school year.

5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.