

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 1451
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 8, 2019,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1451 By: Taylor

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the ability of public school teachers to maintain
1-23 student discipline without being subjected to adverse employment
1-24 consequences.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 21.351, Education Code, is amended by
1-27 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-28 (a-1) In adopting criteria described by Subsection (a)(1),
1-29 the commissioner shall ensure that a teacher may not be assigned an
1-30 area of deficiency in an appraisal solely on the basis of
1-31 disciplinary referrals made by the teacher or documentation
1-32 regarding student conduct submitted by the teacher under Section
1-33 37.002. This subsection does not prohibit a teacher from being
1-34 assigned an area of deficiency based on documented evidence of a
1-35 deficiency in classroom management obtained through observation or
1-36 a substantiated report.

1-37 SECTION 2. Section 21.352, Education Code, is amended by
1-38 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-39 (a-1) A school district may not assign an area of deficiency
1-40 to a teacher solely on the basis of disciplinary referrals made by
1-41 the teacher or documentation regarding student conduct submitted by
1-42 the teacher under Section 37.002. This subsection does not
1-43 prohibit a teacher from being assigned an area of deficiency based
1-44 on documented evidence of a deficiency in classroom management
1-45 obtained through observation or a substantiated report.

1-46 SECTION 3. Section 37.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-47 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-48 (b-1) A teacher may document any conduct by a student that
1-49 does not conform to the student code of conduct adopted under
1-50 Section 37.001 and may submit that documentation to the principal.
1-51 A school district may not discipline a teacher on the basis of
1-52 documentation submitted under this subsection.

1-53 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
1-54 school year.

1-55 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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