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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information reported through the Public Education Information Management System and to parents regarding disciplinary measures used by a school district or open-enrollment charter school.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.024.  REQUIRED PEIMS REPORTING OF DISCIPLINARY MEASURES; REPORT. (a) Each school district or open-enrollment charter school shall include in the district's or school's Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report the total number, disaggregated by race and gender, of:

(1)  incidents of uses of corporal punishment as a method of student discipline, if the district or school permits the use of corporal punishment under Section 37.0011;

(2)  notwithstanding Section 37.002(e), removals of a student from a classroom by a teacher under Section 37.002(a) or (b);

(3)  reports to local law enforcement under Section 37.015 or 37.0151;

(4)  suspensions under Section 37.005, disaggregated by the number of students who received:

(A)  only one out-of-school suspension during the year;

(B)  more than one out-of-school suspension during the year; and

(C)  one or more in-school suspensions;

(5)  changes in school placement, including placement in a juvenile justice alternative education program or a disciplinary alternative education program;

(6)  expulsions arising under a zero-tolerance policy adopted by the district or school;

(7)  arrests; and

(8)  referrals to a truancy court.

(b)  The agency shall aggregate the data required under Subsection (a) in an annual report and make the report available to each school district and open-enrollment charter school.

(c)  Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall make the report under Subsection (b) available electronically on the district's or school's Internet website and provide a copy of the report to each parent of or person standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the district or school.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 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, 2021.