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H.B. No. 3485

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (3) reports to local law enforcement under Section  
21 37.015 or 37.0151;

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

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

1 year;

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

4 (C) one or more in-school suspensions;

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

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

10 (7) arrests; and

11 (8) referrals to a truancy court.

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

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

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.