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S.B. No. 1979

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting and disseminating information regarding public school disciplinary actions.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 37.020, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.020. REPORTS RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM PLACEMENTS.

SECTION 2. Section 37.020, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) For each suspension under Section 37.005, the district shall report:

(1) information identifying the student, including the student's race, sex, and date of birth and whether the student is in a special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, or covered by Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), that will enable the agency to compare placement data with information collected through other reports;

(2) information indicating the basis for the suspension;

(3) the number of full or partial days the student was suspended; and

(4) the number of suspensions that were inconsistent with the guidelines included in the student code of conduct under

1 Section 37.001(a)(3).

2 (g) The agency shall make information collected under this
3 section, disaggregated by race, sex, and age of the student and
4 whether the student is in a special education program under
5 Subchapter A, Chapter 29, or covered by Section 504, Rehabilitation
6 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), available to the public in a
7 manner that does not identify an individual student. The agency
8 shall also make the information available to the public in a manner
9 showing all intersectional data for the categories described by
10 this subsection.

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

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