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S.B. No. 2050

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prevention of and the reporting of incidents of bullying committed by public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.0052(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A student shall ~~may~~ be removed from class and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program as provided by Section 37.008 or expelled if the student:

(1) engages in bullying that encourages a student to commit or attempt to commit suicide;

(2) incites violence against a student through group bullying; or

(3) releases or threatens to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student's consent.

SECTION 2. Section 37.0151(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The principal of a public primary or secondary school, or a person designated by the principal under Subsection (c), shall ~~may~~ make a report to any school district police department, if applicable, or the police department of the municipality in which the school is located or, if the school is not in a municipality, the sheriff of the county in which the school is located if, after

1 an investigation is completed, the principal has reasonable grounds  
2 to believe that a student engaged in conduct that constitutes an  
3 offense under Section 22.01 or 42.07(a)(7), Penal Code.

4 SECTION 3. Section 37.0832(f), Education Code, is amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (f) Each school district shall ~~may~~ establish a  
7 district-wide policy to assist in the prevention and mediation of  
8 bullying incidents between students that:

9 (1) interfere with a student's educational  
10 opportunities; or

11 (2) substantially disrupt the orderly operation of a  
12 classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.