H.B. No. 473

AN ACT

relating to parental rights regarding a threat assessment of a student conducted by a public school's threat assessment and safe and supportive school team.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 37.115, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f-1) and (f-2) to read as follows:

(f-1)  Before a team may conduct a threat assessment of a student, the team must notify the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the student regarding the assessment. In conducting the assessment, the team shall provide an opportunity for the parent or person to:

(1)  participate in the assessment, either in person or remotely; and

(2)  submit to the team information regarding the student.

(f-2)  After completing a threat assessment of a student, the team shall provide to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the student the team's findings and conclusions regarding the student.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 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, 2023.

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  President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 473 was passed by the House on April 18, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 473 on May 19, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 473 on May 25, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 473 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 473 on May 26, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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