By:  Hull, Leo-Wilson, Morales Shaw H.B. No. 473

     (Senate Sponsor - Sparks)

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2023; April 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 10, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton         X

Campbell             X

Bettencourt          X

Birdwell             X

Flores               X

King                 X

LaMantia             X

Menéndez                       X

Middleton            X

Parker               X

Paxton               X

Springer             X

West                           X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 473 By:  Paxton

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 make a good faith effort to 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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