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By:  Davis H.B. No. 3654

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the suspension of a public school student for engaging in certain conduct against an employee or volunteer of a school district.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 37.005, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1)  The principal or other appropriate administrator shall suspend a student who engages in conduct on or off school property against any employee or volunteer in retaliation for or as a result of the person's employment or association with a school district that:

(1)  contains the elements of an offense under Section 22.01(a)(1), Penal Code; or

(2)  is otherwise deliberately violent and threatens the health or safety of another.

(a-2)  Subsection (b) does not apply to conduct described by Subsection (a-1).

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.