

1-1 By: Hughes, West S.B. No. 1144  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2023; March 9, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
 1-4 April 24, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 24, 2023,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1144 By: Springer

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to enrolling a public school student in a virtual  
 1-26 education program as an alternative to expulsion.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is  
 1-29 amended by adding Section 37.0071 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 37.0071. VIRTUAL EDUCATION AS ALTERNATIVE TO  
 1-31 EXPULSION. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), before a  
 1-32 school district or open-enrollment charter school may expel a  
 1-33 student, the district or school shall consider as an alternative to  
 1-34 expulsion the appropriateness and feasibility of enrolling the  
 1-35 student in a full-time virtual education program through the state  
 1-36 virtual school network under Chapter 30A or another virtual  
 1-37 education program authorized by this code.

1-38 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a student expelled  
 1-39 under Section 37.0081 or 37.007(a), (d), or (e).

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
 1-41 school year.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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