

Amend CSHB 6 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 5 of the bill, amending Section 3 37.001(b-1), Education Code (page 3, line 42), strike "Section 37.001(b-1), Education Code, is" and substitute "Sections 37.001(a) and (b-1), Education Code, are".

(2) In SECTION 5 of the bill, immediately following the recital (page 3, between lines 43 and 44), insert the following:

(a) The board of trustees of an independent school district shall, with the advice of its district-level committee established under Subchapter F, Chapter 11, adopt a student code of conduct for the district. The student code of conduct must be posted and prominently displayed at each school campus or made available for review at the office of the campus principal. In addition to establishing standards for student conduct, the student code of conduct must:

(1) specify the circumstances, in accordance with this subchapter, under which a student may be removed from a classroom, campus, disciplinary alternative education program, or vehicle owned or operated by the district;

(2) specify conditions that authorize or require a principal or other appropriate administrator to transfer a student to a disciplinary alternative education program, which must expressly provide that an appropriate administrator may place a student in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first time offense of possession or use of a nicotine delivery product or e-cigarette, as defined by Section 161.081, Health and Safety Code;

(3) outline conditions under which a student may be suspended as provided by Section 37.005 or expelled as provided by Section 37.007;

(4) specify that consideration will be given, as a factor in each decision concerning suspension, removal to a disciplinary alternative education program, expulsion, or placement in a juvenile justice alternative education program, regardless of whether the decision concerns a mandatory or discretionary action, to:

(A) self-defense;

(B) intent or lack of intent at the time the student engaged in the conduct;

(C) a student's disciplinary history;

(D) a disability that substantially impairs the student's capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of the student's conduct;

(E) a student's status in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services; or

(F) a student's status as a student who is homeless;

(5) provide guidelines for setting the length of a term of:

(A) a removal under Section 37.006; and

(B) an expulsion under Section 37.007;

(6) address the notification of a student's parent or guardian of a violation of the student code of conduct committed by the student that results in suspension, removal to a disciplinary alternative education program, or expulsion;

(7) prohibit bullying, harassment, and making hit lists and ensure that district employees enforce those prohibitions;

(8) provide, as appropriate for students at each grade level, methods, including options, for:

(A) managing students in the classroom, on school grounds, and on a vehicle owned or operated by the district;

(B) disciplining students; and

(C) preventing and intervening in student discipline problems, including bullying, harassment, and making hit lists;

and

(9) include an explanation of the provisions regarding refusal of entry to or ejection from district property under Section 37.105, including the appeal process established under Section 37.105(h).

(3) In SECTION 9 of the bill, in amended Section 37.006(a), Education Code (page 6, line 60), strike "possesses, uses," and substitute "[~~possesses, uses,~~]".

(4) In SECTION 9 of the bill, in amended Section 37.006(d), Education Code (page 7, line 53), strike "or".

(5) In SECTION 9 of the bill, in amended Section 37.006(d), Education Code (page 7, line 57), after the underlined semicolon

and "or", insert the following:

(C) possesses or uses an e-cigarette, as defined by Section 161.081, Health and Safety Code, except that if a student who possesses or uses an e-cigarette is not placed in a disciplinary alternative education program for the first time offense under Section 37.008, the student shall be placed in in-school suspension for a period of at least 10 school days; or