

Amend CSHB 6 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 10 of the bill, amending Section 37.007, Education Code (page 8, lines 3 and 4), strike "Section 37.007, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (f-1)" and substituting "Sections 37.007(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended".

(2) In SECTION 10 of the bill, strike added Section 37.007(f-1), Education Code (page 9, lines 31 through 40).

(3) Strike SECTION 11 of the bill (page 9, lines 41 through 51) and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

(4) In SECTION 12 of the bill, strike added Section 37.0083, Education Code (page 9, line 54, through page 10, line 38), and substitute the following:

Sec. 37.0083. VIRTUAL EXPULSION PROGRAM. (a) The principal or other appropriate administrator may place a student who has been expelled under Section 37.007 or 37.0081 in a virtual expulsion program established by the district and provide virtual instruction and instructional materials for remote learning to the student only if:

(1) the school district is located in a county that operates a juvenile justice alternative education program or the school district contracts with the juvenile board of another county for the provision of a juvenile justice alternative education program, and the juvenile justice alternative education program rejects admission of the student or returns the student before the expiration of the discipline assignment; or

(2) the school district is not located in a county that operates a juvenile justice alternative education program and does not contract with the juvenile board of another county for the provision of a juvenile justice alternative education program.

(a-1) If the principal or other appropriate administrator places a student in a virtual expulsion program under this section, the school district shall ensure that the student has suitable computer equipment and Internet access and provide the computer equipment and Internet access if necessary.

(b) A school district must ensure that, to the extent practicable in a virtual setting, the district's virtual expulsion

program complies with the requirements for a disciplinary alternative education program under Section 37.008.

(c) The principal or other appropriate administrator shall review the placement of a student in a virtual expulsion program under this section at least once every 45 school days after the date the placement begins to determine if continued placement in the program is appropriate. The review must consider whether a position for the grade level in which the student is enrolled has become available in an in-person setting under Subsection (a)(1). If the principal or other appropriate administrator determines that such a position has become available, the school district shall plan for the student's transition to an in-person setting as soon as practicable. If the principal or other appropriate administrator determines that continued placement is appropriate, the principal or other appropriate administrator shall document the determination.

(d) A student placed in a virtual expulsion program shall be counted toward the district's average daily attendance for purposes of receipt of state funds under the Foundation School Program if the district can confirm the student's daily attendance in the virtual expulsion program.

(e) A school district may not require a teacher who provides virtual instruction to students in a virtual expulsion program to provide virtual instruction and in-class instruction for a course during the same class period.

(f) A teacher may not provide instruction for a virtual expulsion program course unless the teacher has completed a professional development course on virtual instruction.

(g) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section, including rules providing for a method of taking attendance for students placed in a virtual expulsion program and rules requiring school districts to provide basic professional development training for teachers providing instruction in a virtual expulsion program.

(5) In SECTION 13 of the bill, in added Section 37.009(f-1), Education Code (page 10, lines 43 and 44), strike "Subsection (f-1) of that section" and substitute "Section 37.0083".

(6) Strike SECTION 14 of the bill (page 10, lines 45 through 57) and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.