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H.B. No. 3025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring parental consent for the use of corporal
3 punishment in public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37.0011, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (e) to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) If the board of trustees of an independent school
9 district adopts a policy under Section 37.001(a)(8) under which
10 corporal punishment is permitted as a method of student discipline,
11 a district educator may use corporal punishment to discipline a
12 student only if [~~unless~~] the student's parent or guardian or other
13 person having lawful control over the student has previously
14 provided [~~a~~] written, signed consent to [~~statement prohibiting~~] the
15 use of corporal punishment as a method of student discipline.

16 (c) To provide consent for [~~prohibit~~] the use of corporal
17 punishment as a method of student discipline, [~~each school year~~] a
18 student's parent or guardian or other person having lawful control
19 over the student must provide [~~a~~] separate written, signed consent
20 [~~statement~~] to the board of trustees of the school district in the
21 manner established by the board. Subject to Subsection (e),
22 consent under this subsection is effective until:

23 (1) consent is revoked under Subsection (d); or

24 (2) the student is no longer enrolled in the district.

1 (d) The student's parent or guardian or other person having
2 lawful control over the student may revoke the consent [~~statement~~]
3 provided to the board of trustees under Subsection (c) at any time
4 during the school year by submitting a written, signed revocation
5 to the board in the manner established by the board.

6 (e) The board of trustees of a school district may adopt
7 rules requiring a student's parent or guardian or other person
8 having lawful control over the student to renew the consent under
9 Subsection (c) each school year.

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
11 school year.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.