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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to disorderly or threatening behavior and measures by  
3 public schools and institutions of higher education to prevent that  
4 behavior; increasing criminal penalties; creating a criminal  
5 offense.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 29, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 29.932 to read as follows:

9           Sec. 29.932. GENERAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REGARDING  
10          CONSEQUENCES OF ENGAGING IN DISORDERLY OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR.  
11          (a) In this section, "doxing" means to intentionally post on a  
12          publicly accessible website the private, sensitive, or identifying  
13          information of a person;

17                   (b) A school district or open-enrollment charter school  
18 shall develop and implement an annual comprehensive prevention and  
19 outreach program for students on the consequences of engaging in  
20 disorderly or threatening behavior, including the consequences of  
21 doxing a person or engaging in conduct that otherwise constitutes a  
22 criminal offense under Section 22.07, 42.06, 42.0601, 42.074, or  
23 46.08, Penal Code. The program must include:

24 (1) a general awareness campaign; and

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6 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 37.091 to read as follows:

8                   Sec. 37.091. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT  
9                   CONDUCT INVOLVING DISORDERLY OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR. A school  
10                  district or open-enrollment charter school shall immediately  
11                  notify a student's parent or guardian if the student is alleged to  
12                  have engaged in conduct that contains the elements of an offense  
13                  under Section 22.07, 42.06, 42.0601, 42.074, or 46.08, Penal Code.

14 SECTION 3. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
15 amended by adding Section 51.992 to read as follows:

16                   Sec. 51.992. GENERAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN REGARDING  
17 CONSEQUENCES OF ENGAGING IN DISORDERLY OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR.

18 (a) In this section:

27 (b) Each institution of higher education shall develop and

1 implement an annual comprehensive prevention and outreach program  
2 for students on the consequences of engaging in disorderly or  
3 threatening behavior, including the consequences of doxing a person  
4 or engaging in conduct that otherwise constitutes a criminal  
5 offense under Section 22.07, 42.06, 42.0601, 42.074, or 46.08,  
6 Penal Code. The program must include:

7                   (1) a general awareness campaign; and  
8                   (2) the provision of information to students  
9 regarding:

10                   (A) responsible online behavior; and  
11                   (B) procedures for reporting suspicious activity  
12 involving disorderly or threatening behavior.

13               SECTION 4. Section 22.07(c-1), Penal Code, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15               (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) [~~(c)(2)~~], an offense  
16 under Subsection (a)(2) is a state jail felony if the offense is  
17 committed against a person the actor knows is:

18                   (1) a peace officer or judge; or  
19                   (2) an employee or student of a public or private  
20 primary or secondary school or postsecondary educational  
21 institution.

22               SECTION 5. Section 42.074(b), Penal Code, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24               (b) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor,  
25 except that the offense is:

26                   (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the offense results in the  
27 bodily injury of:

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10 SECTION 6. Chapter 42, Penal Code, is amended by adding  
11 Section 42.0745 to read as follows:

12                   Sec. 42.0745. PARENTAL FAILURE TO STOP UNLAWFUL DISCLOSURE  
13                   OF RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER. (a) In this section,  
14                   "child" means a person younger than 18 years of age.

15                   (b) A parent or legal guardian of a child commits an offense  
16    if the actor:

22                   (c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor,  
23 except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense  
24 results in the bodily injury of:

27 (2) a member of the individual's family or household.

1 SECTION 7. Section [46.08](#)(b), Penal Code, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 (b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor,  
4 except that the offense is a state jail felony if the actor intends  
5 to use the hoax bomb on the premises, grounds, or campus of a public  
6 or private primary or secondary school or postsecondary educational  
7 institution.

8 SECTION 8. Section 29.932, Education Code, as added by this  
9 Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

10 SECTION 9. Section 51.992, Education Code, as added by this  
11 Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

12 SECTION 10. Sections [22.07](#), [42.074](#), and [46.08](#), Penal Code,  
13 as amended by this Act, apply only to an offense committed on or  
14 after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before  
15 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on  
16 the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued  
17 in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an  
18 offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any  
19 element of the offense occurred before that date.

20 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.