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S.B. No. 544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to required individualized education program supplements
3 for certain public school students placed in alternative special
4 education settings.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 29.0053 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 29.0053. INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT
9 FOR STUDENTS IN ALTERNATIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTINGS. (a) In
10 this section:

11 (1) "Alternative special education setting" means:

12 (A) a school district campus at which 90 percent
13 or more of the enrolled students are provided special education and
14 related services; or

15 (B) a self-contained program that:

16 (i) operates as a separate campus from the
17 campus in which the program is located; and

18 (ii) provides special education and related
19 services to 90 percent or more of the students in regular
20 attendance.

21 (2) "Committee" means a committee established under
22 Section 29.005(a).

23 (b) In developing or modifying an individualized education
24 program for a student who receives special education or related

1 services in an alternative special education setting, the student's
2 committee shall develop and include in an attached supplement to
3 the written statement of the student's individualized education
4 program individualized, measurable goals for academic and
5 social-emotional and behavioral growth that would allow the student
6 to be returned to a general education setting. The committee must
7 meet at least once each semester to review the student's progress
8 toward the goals developed under this subsection and determine
9 whether the student may be returned to a general education setting.

10 SECTION 2. Section 29.011, Education Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

12 (a-3) The procedures adopted under Subsection (a) must
13 require the admission, review, and dismissal committee for a
14 student who is at least 18 years of age and receiving special
15 education or related services in an alternative special education
16 setting, as defined by Section 29.0053, to develop and include in an
17 attached supplement to the written statement of the student's
18 individualized education program individualized, measurable goals
19 for the issues described by Subsections (a)(7) and (8).

20 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
21 school year.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.