

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 65  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been suggested that there is insufficient data regarding out-of-school suspensions in Texas and that this gap in data prevents informed policymaking. H.B. 65 seeks to close this gap by requiring the inclusion of certain information on out-of-school suspensions in a school district's annual report on expulsions and disciplinary alternative education program placements.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 65 amends the Education Code to require a public school district to annually report the following information to the commissioner of education for each out-of-school suspension of a student: information identifying the student, including the student's race, sex, and date of birth, that will enable the Texas Education Agency to compare placement data with information collected through other reports; information indicating the basis for the suspension; the number of full or partial days the student was suspended; and the number of out-of-school suspensions that were inconsistent with the guidelines included in the student code of conduct. The bill applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.