5/14/2019

SUBJECT: Posting the contact information of a school's discipline administrator

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Huberty, Bernal, Allen, Allison, K. Bell, Dutton, M. González,

Meyer, Sanford, Talarico, VanDeaver

2 nays — Ashby, K. King

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 17 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

WITNESSES: *On House companion bill, HB 3322:*

For — Paige Williams, Texas Classroom Teachers Association

Against — (Registered, but did not testify: Jerod Patterson, Texas Rural

Education Association)

On — (*Registered*, *but did not testify*: Pablo Barrera, TCSA; Dee Carney, Texas School Alliance; Hannah LaPorte, IDEA Public Schools; Eric

Marin and Melody Parrish, Texas Education Agency; Heather Smith)

DIGEST: SB 1306 would require school districts to post on the website for each

district campus the email address and dedicated telephone number of the school's designated campus behavior coordinator. Districts designated as districts of innovation and exempt from the requirement to designate a campus behavior coordinator would be required to list contact information for a campus administrator designated as being responsible for student

discipline.

The bill would apply beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take

effect September 1, 2019.

SUPPORTERS SB 1306 would help foster communication between parents and schools

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SAY:

by listing campus behavior coordinators' contact information on school websites. This would allow parents to report concerns about classroom misconduct and could enable parents to respond to and address any disciplinary issues involving their child. Campus behavior coordinators serve as the primary point of contact for parents subjected to disciplinary actions, so it is essential that parents know how to contact these individuals.

Because school districts already are required to designate behavior coordinators, the bill would not create an additional responsibility for districts.

OPPONENTS SAY:

SB 1306 would burden school districts with an additional responsibility that, together with other mandates, could strain school district resources.