

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, law enforcement agencies are required to notify school personnel of the arrest or detention of a student for certain offenses and to report any subsequent disposition of that arrest or detention. The Texas Education Agency reported over 50,000 incidents of assault against students and teachers during the 1995-1996 academic year. In order to ensure school safety, school districts need to be informed of dangerous and threatening crimes committed by students. This bill will expand the list of crimes reportable, by law enforcement agencies, to school personnel.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1150 expands the list of crimes reportable, by law enforcement agencies, to school personnel.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Article 15.27(h), Code of Criminal Procedure, to provide that this article, regarding notification of school personnel of the arrest or detention of a student, applies to an offense under certain sections of the Penal Code and to a felony offense in which a deadly weapon, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, was used or exhibited. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies beginning with the 1997-1998 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.