BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a school district receiving an expelled student from another district only receives a copy of the student's records, a copy of the expulsion order, and the referral order to the student's authorized officer at the juvenile court. Schools wishing to continue the terms of a previous expulsion order may be unclear as to the authority they have to do this. This bill sets forth alternatives for a school district that receives an expelled student from another district for continuing the student's education.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 410 sets forth alternatives for a school district that receives an expelled student from another district for continuing the student's education by allowing the district to continue the expulsion, to place the student in an alternative education program, or to allow the student to attend regular classes without completing the expulsion.

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 Section 37.010(g), Education Code, to authorize a district in which an expelled student enrolls to continue the expulsion under terms of the order, to place the student in an alternative education program for a specified period of time, or to allow the student to attend regular classes without completing the period of expulsion.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 37.011, Education Code, by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (k), to set forth reporting requirements if a student is reassigned from one juvenile justice alternative education program to another under Subsection (k). Authorizes the juvenile court to require the juvenile justice education program in the county to which the student moves to provide educational services to the student, if the student moves with his or her family from one county to another. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 37.012(a), Education Code, to require the school district in which a reassigned student from a juvenile justice alternative education program is entitled to attend school, to assume responsibility for enrollment from the former district of the student for transferring funds. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.