

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Texas Education Code requires schools to report dropout rates to the Public Education Management System administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), but the Code contains no definition for what a “dropout” is. S.B. 1227 would define students who drop out of public school to help ensure that school districts and TEA are reporting consistent and accurate data.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1227 defines students who drop out of public school.

### **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 5.001, Education Code, to define “dropout” to mean a student enrolled in a public school in this state who has enrolled in a course of instruction to prepare for the high school equivalency examination or certain students enrolled in a public school in this state who have not attended class for at least 30 consecutive days.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 29.081(d), Education Code, to redefine “student at risk of dropping out of school” to include each student in grade levels 7 through 12 who is under 21 years of age and who has previously dropped out of school.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.