

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law mandates students who assault another person on school grounds or at a school-related event to be placed in an alternative education program. Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another does not currently warrant expulsion. This bill would include assault, by a student against school employees or volunteers, as an offense punishable by expulsion.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 260 establishes conditions regarding expulsion of a public school student who assaults a school employee.

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 37.007(b), Education Code, to authorize a student to be expelled if, while on school property or attending a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property, the student engages in conduct that contains elements of an offense under Section 22.01(a)(1), Penal Code, against a district employee or a volunteer as defined by Section 22.053.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

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