

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

A common problem in public schools is a false alarm in the form of a fire alarm, bomb threat, and other false reports that interrupt school operations and cause considerable anxiety among parents, students, and school personnel. For example, in May 1999 the Corpus Christi Independent School District reported nearly two dozen false threats of bombs or violence at area schools, resulting in the evacuation of one middle school. H.B. 1088 requires a student who submits a false report to be placed in an alternative education program, and provides that a student may be expelled for this conduct.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 37.006(a), Education Code, to require a student, except as provided by Section 37.007(a)(3) or (b), to be removed from class and placed in an alternative education program as provided by Section 37.008 if the student engages in conduct involving a public school that contains the elements of the offense of false alarm or report under Section 42.06, Penal Code, or terroristic threat under Section 22.07, Penal Code. Deletes existing text relating to terroristic threat.

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 37.007(a), (b), and (d), Education Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.