

**SUBJECT:** Removing requirements that private schools post certain signs

**COMMITTEE:** Public Education — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 9 ayes — Buckley, Allison, Cunningham, Cody Harris, Harrison, Hefner, K. King, Schaefer, Talarico

1 nay — Hinojosa

3 absent — Allen, Dutton, Longoria

**WITNESSES:** For — Leanne Messer, Houston Christian High School; Laura Colangelo, Texas Private Schools Association (*Registered, but did not testify*: Mary Lowe, Families Engaged; Jennifer Allmon, The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops; and 12 individuals)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Tricia Cave, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Barry Haenisch, Texas Association of Community Schools; Casey McCreary, Texas Association of School Administrators; Raif Calvert, Texas Association of School Boards; Cynthia Van Maanen, Travis County Democratic Party; and 20 individuals)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Eric Marin, TEA; Kristin McGuire, Texas Education Agency)

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that private schools should be exempt from the requirement for schools to display certain signs related to human trafficking, as these schools are regulated differently.

**DIGEST:** CSHB 4070 would remove the requirement that private schools post certain signs related to human trafficking.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.