

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas public school teachers lack the explicit authority to discipline a student verbally or by use of non-corporal punishment without facing recourse from local or state education officials for such actions. This fear often results in a teacher's only recourse for an unruly student is to sending the student to the principal's office. S.B. 1213 would establish discipline management techniques that a public school teacher may use.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1213 establishes discipline management techniques that a public school teacher may use.

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 Chapter 37A, Education Code, by adding Section 37.0021, as follows:

Sec. 37.0021. OTHER DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT AUTHORIZED FOR TEACHERS.
Sets forth discipline management techniques which a teacher is authorized to use under other law and school district policy, in addition to removing a student from class. Prohibits certain individuals from disciplining a teacher in any manner for an action the teacher takes in accordance with this section.

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

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