

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, to receive federal funds from the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act program, school districts are required to report on specific indicators of violence, crime, and drug use. In school year 1996 - 1997, all but nine school districts reported the required indicators. This bill would require each school district to report the number, rate, and type of violent and criminal incidents occurring on each campus, and to include a provision giving school districts the option of including a violence prevention and intervention component in their annual campus improvement plans.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1724 sets forth content criteria for public school campus improvement plans and school district performance reports.

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 11.253, Education Code, to authorize a campus improvement plan to include goals and methods for violence and intervention on campus. Requires the campus-level planning and decision-making committee to appoint a subcommittee composed of parents and teachers to make recommendations to the committee concerning the student code of conduct adopted under Section 37.001, other safety issues, conflict resolution programs, and teacher training for intervening in violent situations. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 39.053(a), Education Code, to require an annual report that describes the educational performance of a district to include a statement of the number, rate, and type of violent or criminal incidents that occurred on each district campus, information concerning school violence prevention and violence intervention policies and procedures that the district is using to protect students, and the findings that result from evaluations conducted under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. Section 7101 et seq.). Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.