

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, if a disciplinary action is being taken against a student who is transferring from a charter school to a public school, the charter school is not required to send a copy of the student's order of disciplinary action to the public school. As a result, a public school's administration is unaware of the student transferee's disciplinary problems. However, a copy of the order of disciplinary action is required when a student is transferring between two public schools. H.B. 2061 requires a charter school to send a transferring student's order of disciplinary action to the enrolling school, just as public schools are required to do.

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 Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, by adding Section 37.021, as follows:

Sec. 37.021. NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION. (a) Defines "disciplinary action" and "district or school."

(b) Requires the governing body of the district or school taking the disciplinary action to provide to the district or school in which the student enrolls, at the same time other records of the student are provided, a copy of the order of disciplinary action, if a district or school takes disciplinary action against a student and the student subsequently enrolls in another district or school before the expiration of the period of disciplinary action.

(c) Authorizes the district or school in which the student enrolls to continue the disciplinary action under the terms of the order or to allow the student to attend regular classes without completing the period of disciplinary action, subject to Section 37.007(e).

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 37.008(j), Education Code (regarding alternative education programs).

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.