

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 1001 prohibits schools from placing homeless students in out-of-school suspension. This bill recognizes that many of these students' behavior problems are likely linked to their being homeless, and therefore encourages constructive alternatives for these students. Rather than forcing them back onto the streets for behavioral issues, schools should use other methods to try to address the underlying issues causing these problems.

As proposed, S.B. 1001 amends current law relating to the suspension of a student who is homeless from public school.

### **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 37.005, Education Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Prohibits a student who is homeless from being placed in out-of-school suspension. Authorizes the campus behavior coordinator to coordinate with the school district's homeless education liaison to identify appropriate alternatives to out-of-school suspension for a student who is homeless. Defines "student who is homeless" for purposes of this subsection.

SECTION 2. Provides that this act applies beginning with the 2019–2020 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.