

1-1 By: Parker, Minjarez H.B. No. 1559  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;  
 1-4 May 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Education; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Garcia	X			
1-13 Huffines		X		
1-14 Kolkhorst			X	
1-15 Rodríguez	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-18 West			X	

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to public school Internet website information concerning  
 1-23 local programs and services available to assist homeless students.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 33, Education Code, is  
 1-26 amended by adding Section 33.906 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 33.906. WEBSITE INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCAL PROGRAMS  
 1-28 AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST HOMELESS STUDENTS. (a) Except as  
 1-29 provided by Subsection (e), each school that maintains an Internet  
 1-30 website shall post on the website information regarding local  
 1-31 programs and services, including charitable programs and services,  
 1-32 available to assist homeless students.

1-33 (b) A school to which Subsection (a) applies shall make a  
 1-34 good faith effort to compile information described by that  
 1-35 subsection and shall post the information compiled in a format and  
 1-36 style that is easily understandable by students or parents, as  
 1-37 appropriate based on the grade levels the school offers.

1-38 (c) A representative of a local program or service available  
 1-39 to assist homeless students may request to have information  
 1-40 concerning the program or service posted on a school's website. A  
 1-41 school may determine the information that is posted on the school's  
 1-42 website and is not required to post information as requested by the  
 1-43 representative.

1-44 (d) A school district is not liable for any harm to a student  
 1-45 that results in connection with a local program or service referred  
 1-46 to on the website of a district school as provided by this section.

1-47 (e) This section does not apply to a school within a school  
 1-48 district that:

1-49 (1) has an enrollment of fewer than 3,000 students;  
 1-50 and

1-51 (2) is primarily located in a county with a population  
 1-52 of less than 50,000.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
 1-54 school year.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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