

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1924  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2025; March 17, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; April 7, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Menéndez		X		
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West			X	

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1924 By: Middleton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the enforcement of certain criminal offenses on school  
1-24 property.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Article [45A.453\(h\)](#), Code of Criminal Procedure,  
1-27 is amended to read as follows:

1-28 (h) Except as provided by Subsection (i) [~~and Section~~  
1-29 ~~37.143(a), Education Code~~], for a traffic offense or an offense  
1-30 punishable by fine only, a law enforcement officer may issue a  
1-31 citation as provided by Article [14.06](#) instead of taking a child into  
1-32 custody.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section [28.025\(c\)](#), Education Code, is amended to  
1-34 read as follows:

1-35 (c) A person may receive a diploma if the person is eligible  
1-36 for a diploma under Section [28.0251](#). In other cases, a student may  
1-37 graduate and receive a diploma only if:

1-38 (1) the student successfully completes the curriculum  
1-39 requirements identified by the State Board of Education under  
1-40 Subsection (a) and complies with Sections [28.0256](#), [28.02565](#), and  
1-41 [39.025](#); or

1-42 (2) the student successfully completes an  
1-43 individualized education program developed under Section [29.005](#).

1-44 SECTION 3. Subchapter [B](#), Chapter [28](#), Education Code, is  
1-45 amended by adding Section [28.02565](#) to read as follows:

1-46 Sec. 28.02565. COMPLETION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PAYMENT  
1-47 OF FINES AND COSTS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL OFFENSES BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL  
1-48 GRADUATION. A student who has been convicted of or placed on  
1-49 deferred adjudication community supervision for a school offense,  
1-50 as defined by Section [37.141](#), may not graduate from high school and  
1-51 receive a diploma unless the court in which the student was  
1-52 convicted certifies to the school district or open-enrollment  
1-53 charter school in which the student is enrolled that the student has  
1-54 discharged all obligations to perform community service and pay  
1-55 finest and costs imposed for that offense.

1-56 SECTION 4. Section [37.143](#), Education Code, is amended to  
1-57 read as follows:

1-58 Sec. 37.143. [CITATION PROHIBITED.] CUSTODY OF CHILD. [(a)  
1-59 A peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource  
1-60 officer may not issue a citation to a child who is alleged to have

~~committed a school offense.~~

~~[(b)]~~ This subchapter does not prohibit a child from being taken into custody under Section 52.01, Family Code.

SECTION 5. Section 37.144, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), a [A] school district that commissions peace officers under Section 37.081 may develop a system of graduated sanctions that the school district may require to be imposed on a child before a complaint is filed under Section 37.145 against the child for a school offense that is an offense under Section 37.124 or 37.126 or under Section 42.01(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5), Penal Code. A system adopted under this section must include multiple graduated sanctions. The system may require:

(1) a warning letter to be issued to the child and the child's parent or guardian that specifically states the child's alleged school offense and explains the consequences if the child engages in additional misconduct;

(2) a behavior contract with the child that must be signed by the child, the child's parent or guardian, and an employee of the school and that includes a specific description of the behavior that is required or prohibited for the child and the penalties for additional alleged school offenses, including additional disciplinary action or the filing of a complaint in a criminal court;

(3) the performance of school-based community service by the child; and

(4) the referral of the child to counseling, community-based services, or other in-school or out-of-school services aimed at addressing the child's behavioral problems.

(a-1) A school district may not adopt a system of graduated sanctions before filing a complaint under Section 37.145 against a child for a school offense if the conduct that constituted the offense:

(1) posed an imminent threat to a teacher's safety; or

(2) resulted in physical harm to a teacher.

SECTION 6. Section 37.145, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 37.145. CITATION OR COMPLAINT. (a) If a child is alleged to have committed a school offense:

(1) a peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer may issue a citation to the child;

(2) [If a child fails to comply with or complete graduated sanctions under Section 37.144, or if the school district has not elected to adopt a system of graduated sanctions under that section,] the school may file a complaint against the child with a criminal court in accordance with Section 37.146, if:

(A) the child fails to comply with or complete graduated sanctions under Section 37.144; or

(B) the school district has not elected to adopt a system of graduated sanctions under Section 37.144; or

(3) for a school offense described by Section 37.144(a-1), the school shall file a complaint against the child with a criminal court in accordance with Section 37.146 unless the school has been notified under Subsection (b) that a peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer has issued a citation to the child for the alleged offense.

(b) A peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer who issues a citation to a child for a school offense under Subsection (a)(1) shall notify the child's school of the issuance of the citation.

(c) A peace officer, law enforcement officer, or school resource officer who issues a citation to a child under Subsection (a)(1) or a school that files a complaint against a child under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) shall immediately provide to the parent of or person standing in parental relation to the child a written notice regarding the issuance of the citation or filing of the complaint that includes:

(1) an explanation of the child's and parent's or person's rights under the law related to the issuance of the citation to or filing of the complaint against the child, including the right to legal counsel; and

(2) the potential consequences of the issuance of the citation to or filing of the complaint against the child, including the child's possible arrest.

(d) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall adopt a model notice for a peace officer, law enforcement officer, school resource officer, or school to use for purposes of Subsection (c).

SECTION 7. Subchapter E-1, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.1455 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.1455. REPORT ON CITATIONS. (a) Not later than the 60th day after the last day of classes for the school year, a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall provide to the agency, in the form and manner prescribed by commissioner rule, a report on the number of citations issued to students enrolled in the district or school during the preceding school year, disaggregated by:

(1) the offense for which the citation was issued;

(2) the student's race;

(3) the student's sex;

(4) the student's age;

(5) the student's grade level;

(6) whether the student is eligible for the district's or school's special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29; and

(7) whether the student is educationally disadvantaged.

(b) The agency shall compile the information reported under Subsection (a) and publish a report on the information on the agency's Internet website.

(c) A report required under Subsection (a) or (b) may be combined with another report required under other law.

SECTION 8. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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