

SB 2432: WHAT IT MEANS FOR TEXAS STUDENTS

AN ALERT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Following the 86th Legislative Session, Gov. Abbott signed SB 2432 into law in June 2019.

It goes into effect September 1, 2019, and it increases the ability of school districts to place young people into disciplinary alternative education programs (DAEPs).



This new law requires for districts to refer young people to DAEPs when they "harass a school district employee."

For the purposes of this new law, the definition of harassment includes actions listed in Texas Penal Code Section 42.07, such as:

MAKING A PHONE CALL AND INTENTIONALLY FAILING TO HANG UP

MAKING AN OBSCENE COMMENT

REPEATEDLY DIALING A PHONE NUMBER

THE LAW DOES NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON HOW LONG A DAEP REFERRAL CAN BE FOR THE OFFENSE OF HARASSMENT, MEANING IT CAN LAST FOR MONTHS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

TEXAS EDUCATION CODE SECTION 37.006(A)

AS A PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO DISMANTLE THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE IN TEXAS, TEXAS APPLESEED STRIVES TO SHED LIGHT ON THE TERRIBLE, PRESENT CONDITIONS OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ACROSS THE STATE.

IF YOU ARE A YOUNG PERSON, OR A PARENT OF A YOUNG PERSON, WHO RECEIVES A DAEP REFERRAL FOR HARASSMENT DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT AHAIRSTON@TEXASAPPLESEED.NET

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