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Justice

Senate Committees on Education and Criminal

Conservatorship

School Discipline Actions for Students in

and Protective Services

Department of Family

TEXAS
outcomes for children in foster care.

between schools and DFPS to increase educational
make recommendations to increase communication
between DFPS, TEA, and local education agencies and
program (DAPF) examine data sharing practices
excluded, and placed in disciplinary Alternatives Education
referred to Juvenile or Municipal Court, suspended,
Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)
"Conduct a comprehensive review of school discipline"
Data Sharing on Students Discipline actions
aggregate data on school outcomes including
DFPS conservatordship and TEA provides
DFPS annually provides TEA with list of children in
conservatordship

MOU (TEA) have memorandum of understanding
Services (DFPS) and Texas Education Agency
Legislature) Department of Family and Protective
Pursuant to SB 939 by Sen. Watson (81st

in DFPS Conservatordship

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4.9 million students

24,209 students in

DFPS Conservatorship

6.7 million children in Texas

Small share of student population

Students in Conservatorship are a

Source: DFPS data for child population, TEA data for students
Learning attentive, calm, necessary for
Alway's on alert so difficult to achieve

- Provoke fights to assert control

- Hostile view positive or neutral situations as
  interactions with peers because may
  difficulty in navigating social

- Sleep is interferes with impulse control and
  higher secretions of cortisol

Difficulty in school due to chronic stress
Students in conservatorship may have
Types of Discipline Actions

- Other referrals to municipal court
- TEA does not provide data on Class C misdemeanor citations or
- Educational setting, a JJAEP or DAEF
- Expulsion - after due process hearing, student removed to no
- Juvenile Probation Commission
- Instruction provided in alternative setting supervised by Texas
- Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Placement (JJAEP)
- Instruction provided in alternative setting for some period of time
- Disciplinary Alternative Education Placement (DAEP)
- to three days
- Out of school suspension - student removed from school for up
- Educational setting but still in school
- In school suspension - student temporarily removed from regular
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Students Can Be Counted Once

Students in Consequences

Types of Discipline Actions for

Source: *TEA does not provide data if count is less than 5.*
Recommendations for Data Sharing

- Continue to identity foster care liaisons for each
- To date, 127 of 1,200 school districts have foster care liaison identified
- HB 826 by Rep. Farias – 82nd Legislature
- Create an easily accessible master list of foster care liaison contact information