

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 968
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 10, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 5, 2015,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
1-5 May 5, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	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		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a prescription drug misuse awareness component of the
1-22 health curriculum used in public schools.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Subsection (w) to read as follows:

1-26 (w) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the
1-27 health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B), the State Board of
1-28 Education shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that address
1-29 the dangers, causes, consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment
1-30 of nonmedical use of prescription drugs. The agency shall compile a
1-31 list of evidence-based prescription drug misuse awareness programs
1-32 from which a school district shall choose a program to use in the
1-33 district's middle school, junior high school, and high school
1-34 health curriculums. In this subsection, an "evidence-based
1-35 prescription drug misuse awareness program" means a program,
1-36 practice, or strategy that has been proven to effectively prevent
1-37 nonmedical use of prescription drugs among students, as determined
1-38 by evaluations that use valid and reliable measures and that are
1-39 published in peer-reviewed journals.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
1-41 school year.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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