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H.B. No. 1342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to child sexual abuse prevention training for public school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 38.004, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(b) Each school district shall provide child abuse antivictimization programs in elementary and secondary schools. The programs must include annual age-appropriate, research-based child sexual abuse prevention training designed to promote self-protection and prevent sexual abuse and trafficking of children. The district shall:

(1) each year include a description of the training:

(A) in an informational handbook provided to students, parents, and guardians; or

(B) on the Internet website of the school district, if the district does not provide an informational handbook to students, parents, and guardians;

(2) ensure that each student enrolled in the district attends the training each year; and

(3) provide at least two opportunities each year for a student to attend the training required that year.

(c) Not later than September 1 of each year, each school

1 district shall submit to the agency a report on the number and
2 percentage of students enrolled in the district who attended the
3 child sexual abuse prevention training required by Subsection (b)
4 during the preceding school year.

5 (d) The agency shall compile a list of child sexual abuse
6 prevention training programs from which a school district must
7 choose in providing the child sexual abuse prevention training
8 required under Subsection (b).

9 SECTION 2. It is not the intent of the legislature that the
10 changes in law made by this Act be interpreted as requiring the
11 provision of human sexuality instruction.

12 SECTION 3. A school district shall submit the initial
13 report required by Section 38.004(c), Education Code, as added by
14 this Act, not later than September 1, 2018.

15 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
16 school year.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.