

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1109
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 28, 2021,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 28, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Taylor | X | | | |
| 1-8 Lucio | X | | | |
| 1-9 Bettencourt | X | | | |
| 1-10 Hall | X | | | |
| 1-11 Hughes | X | | | |
| 1-12 Menéndez | X | | | |
| 1-13 Paxton | X | | | |
| 1-14 Perry | X | | | |
| 1-15 Powell | X | | | |
| 1-16 Schwertner | X | | | |
| 1-17 West | X | | | |

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

1-21 relating to requiring public schools to provide instruction and
 1-22 materials and adopt policies relating to the prevention of child
 1-23 abuse, family violence, and dating violence.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Christina Blubaugh
 1-26 Act.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
 1-28 adding Subsection (u) to read as follows:

1-29 (u) As part of the essential knowledge and skills for the
 1-30 health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B), the State Board of
 1-31 Education shall adopt rules requiring students to receive
 1-32 instruction on the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and
 1-33 dating violence at least once in middle or junior high school and at
 1-34 least twice in high school. The instruction must include
 1-35 information on:

1-36 (1) the dating violence policy adopted by the
 1-37 student's school district under Section 37.0831;

1-38 (2) the prevalence of dating violence and the
 1-39 recognition of abuse warning signs;

1-40 (3) the procedures for reporting violence or abuse;
 1-41 and

1-42 (4) educational materials or resources available to
 1-43 students under Section 37.0831(c).

1-44 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 37.0831, Education Code,
 1-45 is amended to read as follows:

1-46 Sec. 37.0831. DATING VIOLENCE POLICIES; EDUCATIONAL
 1-47 MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.

1-48 SECTION 4. Section 37.0831, Education Code, is amended by
 1-49 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-50 follows:

1-51 (b) A dating violence policy must:

1-52 (1) include:

1-53 (A) a definition of dating violence that includes
 1-54 the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse
 1-55 by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another
 1-56 person in a dating relationship, as defined by Section 71.0021,
 1-57 Family Code;

1-58 (B) a clear statement that dating violence is not
 1-59 tolerated at school;

1-60 (C) reporting procedures and guidelines for
 1-61 students who are victims of dating violence; and

2-1 (D) information regarding the essential
2-2 knowledge and skills relating to dating violence required under
2-3 Section 28.002(u); and

2-4 (2) address safety planning, enforcement of
2-5 protective orders, school-based alternatives to protective orders,
2-6 training for teachers and administrators, counseling for affected
2-7 students, and awareness education for students and parents.

2-8 (c) To the extent possible, a school district shall make
2-9 available to students:

2-10 (1) age-appropriate educational materials that
2-11 include information on the dangers of dating violence; and

2-12 (2) resources to students seeking help.

2-13 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022
2-14 school year.

2-15 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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