

1-1 By: King, Sparks S.B. No. 1207
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 10, 2025; February 28, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 March 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11,
1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Creighton	X		
1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Menéndez	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker	X		
1-17	Paxton	X		
1-18	West	X		

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

1-21 relating to instruction on adoption in the parenting and paternity
1-22 awareness program in public schools.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 28.002(p) and (p-2), Education Code,
1-25 are amended to read as follows:

1-26 (p) The State Board of Education, in conjunction with the
1-27 office of the attorney general, shall develop a parenting and
1-28 paternity awareness program that a school district shall use in the
1-29 district's high school health curriculum. A school district may
1-30 use the program developed under this subsection in the district's
1-31 middle or junior high school curriculum. At the discretion of the
1-32 district, a teacher may modify the suggested sequence and pace of
1-33 the program at any grade level. The program must:

1-34 (1) address parenting skills and responsibilities,
1-35 including child support and other legal rights and responsibilities
1-36 that come with parenthood;

1-37 (2) include information related to adoption,
1-38 including information about:

1-39 (A) the differences between private adoption and
1-40 foster care;

1-41 (B) the process for adopting a child privately or
1-42 through the state foster care system; and

1-43 (C) adoption as an alternative to becoming a
1-44 parent and the process for placing a child for adoption;

1-45 (3) address relationship skills, including money
1-46 management, communication skills, and marriage preparation; and

1-47 (4) ~~(3)~~ in district middle, junior high, or high
1-48 schools that do not have a family violence prevention program,
1-49 address skills relating to the prevention of family violence.

1-50 (p-2) A school district may develop or adopt research-based
1-51 programs and curriculum materials for use in conjunction with the
1-52 program developed under Subsection (p). The programs and
1-53 curriculum materials may provide instruction in:

1-54 (1) child development;

1-55 (2) parenting skills, including child abuse and
1-56 neglect prevention; ~~and~~

1-57 (3) the information regarding adoption described by
1-58 Subsection (p)(2); and

1-59 (4) assertiveness skills to prevent teenage
1-60 pregnancy, abusive relationships, and family violence.

1-61 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026

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