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S.B. No. 945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to drug or alcohol overdose awareness and response training for residential advisors and officers of student organizations at public or private institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9362 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9362. DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING FOR RESIDENTIAL ADVISORS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICERS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Public or private institution of higher education" includes an "institution of higher education" and a "private or independent institution of higher education," as those terms are defined by Section 61.003.

(2) "Residential advisor" means a student who is employed by a public or private institution of higher education to serve in an advisory capacity for students living in a residential facility.

(3) "Residential facility" means a residence used exclusively for housing or boarding students or faculty of a public or private institution of higher education.

(4) "Student organization" includes any organization that is composed mostly of students enrolled at a public or private

1 institution of higher education and that:

2 (A) is registered with the institution;

3 (B) receives student organization resource fee
4 revenues or other funding from the institution; or

5 (C) is otherwise recognized as a student
6 organization by the institution.

7 (b) A public or private institution of higher education that
8 imposes any mandatory training requirements on residential
9 advisors or officers of student organizations must ensure that drug
10 and alcohol overdose awareness and appropriate response training is
11 included with that training.

12 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with training
13 required for the 2019-2020 academic year.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.