

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Christine Blubaugh Act.

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

(u) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring students to receive instruction on the prevention of child abuse, family violence, and dating violence at least once in middle or junior high school and at least twice in high school. The instruction must include information on:

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

(2) the prevalence of dating violence and the recognition of abuse warning signs;

(3) the procedures for reporting violence or abuse;
and

(4) educational materials or resources available to students under Section 37.0831(c).

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

1 Sec. 37.0831. DATING VIOLENCE POLICIES; EDUCATIONAL
2 MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.

3 SECTION 4. Section 37.0831, Education Code, is amended by
4 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
5 follows:

6 (b) A dating violence policy must:

7 (1) include:

8 (A) a definition of dating violence that includes
9 the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse
10 by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another
11 person in a dating relationship, as defined by Section 71.0021,
12 Family Code;

13 (B) a clear statement that dating violence is not
14 tolerated at school;

15 (C) reporting procedures and guidelines for
16 students who are victims of dating violence; and

17 (D) information regarding the instruction on the
18 prevention of dating violence required under Section 28.002(u); and

19 (2) address safety planning, enforcement of
20 protective orders, school-based alternatives to protective orders,
21 training for teachers and administrators, counseling for affected
22 students, and awareness education for students and parents.

23 (c) To the extent possible, a school district shall make
24 available to students:

25 (1) age-appropriate educational materials that
26 include information on the dangers of dating violence; and

27 (2) resources to students seeking help.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1109 passed the Senate on May 4, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1109 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 99, Nays 48, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor