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H.B. No. 233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to inservice training on identifying abuse, neglect, and
3 illegal, unprofessional, and unethical conduct in certain health
4 care facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 161.133, Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
8 read as follows:

9 (a) The executive commissioner by rule shall require each
10 inpatient mental health facility, treatment facility, or hospital
11 that provides comprehensive medical rehabilitation services to
12 annually provide as a condition of continued licensure a minimum of
13 eight hours of initial inservice training for new employees and
14 four hours of continuing inservice training for continuing
15 employees that is designed to assist employees and health care
16 professionals associated with the facility in identifying patient
17 abuse or neglect and illegal, unprofessional, or unethical conduct
18 by or in the facility.

19 (a-1) The training required under Subsection (a) may be
20 provided:

21 (1) in person; or

22 (2) through a live, interactive, instructor-led, and
23 electronic method that uses synchronous audiovisual interaction
24 between the instructor and employees.

1 SECTION 2. Section 161.133(a), Health and Safety Code, as
2 amended by this Act, applies to the minimum number of inservice
3 training hours provided as a condition of licensure by health care
4 facilities subject to that section on and after the effective date
5 of this Act. The minimum number of inservice training hours
6 provided before the effective date of this Act is governed by the
7 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
8 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.