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S.B. No. 2242

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a policy adopted by school districts allowing parent volunteers on school district campuses.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 26.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.016. PARENT VOLUNTEERS. (a) In this section, "parent volunteer" means a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school district.

(b) Each school district shall adopt a policy to allow and encourage parent volunteers at each campus in the district. The policy:

(1) must allow a parent volunteer to volunteer on the campus in the district in which the parent volunteer's child is enrolled;

(2) must require the parent volunteer to provide the documents needed for the district to perform a criminal history background check as provided by Section 22.0835;

(3) must require the school district to develop and implement training for parent volunteers that:

(A) ensures parent volunteers do not interfere with instructional time; and

(B) includes guidelines for parent volunteers to follow while at a campus in the district;

1 (4) must require a parent volunteer to complete the
2 training described by Subdivision (3) before the parent volunteer
3 is allowed to volunteer;

4 (5) may only prohibit parent volunteers from being
5 present on the campus in the district in which the parent
6 volunteer's child is enrolled during the administration of a
7 standardized test;

8 (6) may not prohibit parent volunteers from
9 volunteering if the parent volunteer has filed a grievance or
10 complaint against the district; and

11 (7) must require the school district to create and
12 maintain an Internet portal that:

13 (A) allows parent volunteers to submit
14 information for the district to complete a criminal history
15 background check;

16 (B) informs parent volunteers of volunteer
17 opportunities; and

18 (C) allows parent volunteers to register for
19 volunteer opportunities.

20 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
21 of this Act, each school district shall adopt a policy required by
22 Section 26.016, Education Code, as added by this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
24 school year.

25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.