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S.B. No. 2372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to recommendations by local school health advisory
3 councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public
4 schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.004(c), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) The local school health advisory council's duties
9 include recommending:

10 (1) the number of hours of instruction to be provided
11 in:

12 (A) health education in kindergarten through
13 grade eight; and

14 (B) if the school district requires health
15 education for high school graduation, health education, including
16 physical health education and mental health education, in grades 9
17 through 12;

18 (2) policies, procedures, strategies, and curriculum
19 appropriate for specific grade levels designed to prevent physical
20 health concerns, including obesity, cardiovascular disease, Type 2
21 diabetes, and mental health concerns, including suicide, through
22 coordination of:

23 (A) health education, which must address
24 physical health concerns and mental health concerns to ensure the

1 integration of physical health education and mental health
2 education;

3 (B) physical education and physical activity;

4 (C) nutrition services;

5 (D) parental involvement;

6 (E) instruction on substance abuse prevention;

7 (F) school health services, including mental
8 health services;

9 (G) a comprehensive school counseling program
10 under Section 33.005;

11 (H) a safe and healthy school environment; and

12 (I) school employee wellness;

13 (3) appropriate grade levels and methods of
14 instruction for human sexuality instruction;

15 (4) strategies for integrating the curriculum
16 components specified by Subdivision (2) with the following elements
17 in a coordinated school health program for the district:

18 (A) school health services, including physical
19 health services and mental health services, if provided at a campus
20 by the district or by a third party under a contract with the
21 district;

22 (B) a comprehensive school counseling program
23 under Section 33.005;

24 (C) a safe and healthy school environment; and

25 (D) school employee wellness;

26 (5) if feasible, joint use agreements or strategies
27 for collaboration between the school district and community

1 organizations or agencies;

2 (6) strategies to increase parental awareness
3 regarding:

4 (A) risky behaviors and early warning signs of
5 suicide risks and behavioral health concerns, including mental
6 health disorders and substance use disorders; and

7 (B) available community programs and services
8 that address risky behaviors, suicide risks, and behavioral health
9 concerns;

10 (7) appropriate grade levels and curriculum for
11 instruction regarding the dangers of opioids, including
12 instruction on:

13 (A) opioid addiction and abuse, including
14 addiction to and abuse of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl; and

15 (B) methods of administering an opioid
16 antagonist, as defined by Section 483.101, Health and Safety Code;
17 and

18 (8) appropriate grade levels and curriculum for
19 instruction regarding child abuse, family violence, dating
20 violence, and sex trafficking, including likely warning signs that
21 a child may be at risk for sex trafficking, provided that the local
22 school health advisory council's recommendations under this
23 subdivision do not conflict with the essential knowledge and skills
24 developed by the State Board of Education under this subchapter.

25 SECTION 2. 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.