By: Bhojani, Allen, Lujan, Lopez of Cameron, H. Howard, et al.

H.B. No. 4442

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4442:

By: Buckley C.S.H.B. No. 4442

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to an elective course on mindfulness for middle school,
- 3 junior high school, and high school students.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 28.0115 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 28.0115. ELECTIVE COURSE ON MINDFULNESS. (a) A school
- 8 district or open-enrollment charter school may offer an elective
- 9 course on mindfulness to students in middle school, junior high
- 10 school, and high school. The course provided to high school
- 11 students must meet the requirements for an elective credit under
- 12 Section 28.025.
- (b) A course under this section must include instruction on
- 14 techniques to:
- 15 (1) enhance focus and concentration;
- 16 (2) manage stress;
- 17 (3) improve emotional regulation; and
- 18 <u>(4) cultivate increased self-awareness and</u>
- 19 <u>compassion</u>.
- 20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2026-2027
- 21 school year.
- 22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 24 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, 2025.