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S.B. No. 2851

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring public schools to provide to certain parents notice regarding certain incidents and risks related to the parent's child and suicide prevention materials.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37.0832, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-2) and (c-3) to read as follows:

(c-2) The procedure for providing notice to a parent or guardian of an alleged victim of an incident of bullying under Subsection (c)(4) must include requirements to:

(1) maintain a record that verifies the parent or guardian was notified of the incident; and

(2) provide the parent or guardian with:

(A) suicide prevention materials; and

(B) information on ways to limit the student's access to means of committing suicide, including a firearm or medication.

(c-3) The agency, in coordination with the Health and Human Services Commission, shall select the materials and information described by Subsection (c-2)(2).

SECTION 2. Section 38.351, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (e-1) and (e-2) to read as follows:

(e-1) The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school shall adopt a

1 policy that establishes a procedure for providing notice in
2 addition to any notice provided in accordance with Subsection
3 (e)(3) to a parent or guardian of a student who is identified as at
4 risk of suicide. The procedure must include requirements to:

5 (1) maintain a record that verifies the parent or
6 guardian was notified regarding the risk; and

7 (2) provide the parent or guardian with:

8 (A) suicide prevention materials; and

9 (B) information on ways to limit the student's
10 access to means of committing suicide, including a firearm or
11 medication.

12 (e-2) The agency, in coordination with the Health and Human
13 Services Commission, shall select the materials and information
14 described by Subsection (e-1)(2).

15 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
16 school year.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.