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H.B. No. 697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedures and standards for providing health care services in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Sec. 12.171. PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS. The board by rule shall recommend procedures and minimum standards for providing quality health care services to school-aged children in public elementary and secondary schools. The recommendations must identify available appropriate funding mechanisms.

Sec. 12.172. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The board shall appoint a school health advisory committee to assist the board in performing its duties under this subchapter. The advisory committee consists of the following 16 members:

(1) two physicians who provide health care services to school-aged children;

(2) two registered nurses or physician assistants providing health care services in public elementary or secondary schools;

(3) two public school administrators;

(4) two members representing entities involved with the health of school-aged children;

1 (5) two members who are mental health professionals
2 who have at least a master's degree; and

3 (6) six public members.

4 (b) The public members of the school health advisory
5 committee must include parents of school-aged children and at least
6 one parent of a child with special health care needs.

7 (c) The school health advisory committee is subject to
8 Chapter 2110, Government Code.

9 Sec. 12.173. DISTRIBUTION AND CONSIDERATION OF
10 RECOMMENDATIONS. (a) Not less frequently than once in each state
11 fiscal biennium, the department shall notify each school district
12 in this state of the availability of the recommended procedures and
13 minimum standards adopted under Section 12.171.

14 (b) The governing body of each school district shall
15 consider implementing, but is not required to implement, the
16 procedures and minimum standards recommended under this
17 subchapter.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.