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S.B. No. 491

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an assessment of school-based mental health and
3 substance abuse programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Education Agency, in conjunction
6 with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation,
7 the Texas Department of Health, and the Texas Commission on Alcohol
8 and Drug Abuse, shall assess existing school-based mental health
9 and substance abuse programs. The assessment must include
10 recommendations regarding further development of such programs,
11 including the incorporation of information regarding substance
12 abuse prevention, mental health education, and access to related
13 services.

14 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall report on the results
15 of the assessment to the 79th Legislature not later than January 11,
16 2005.

17 SECTION 2. 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, 2003.