

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 491
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2003; February 19, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4 Services; March 6, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to an assessment of school-based mental health and
1-9 substance abuse programs.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Education Agency, in conjunction
1-12 with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation,
1-13 the Texas Department of Health, and the Texas Commission on Alcohol
1-14 and Drug Abuse, shall assess existing school-based mental health
1-15 and substance abuse programs. The assessment must include
1-16 recommendations regarding further development of such programs,
1-17 including the incorporation of information regarding substance
1-18 abuse prevention, mental health education, and access to related
1-19 services.

1-20 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall report on the results
1-21 of the assessment to the 79th Legislature not later than January 11,
1-22 2005.

1-23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-27 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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