

Amend HB 2 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____ . Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0041 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0041. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE TRAINING PILOT PROGRAM. (a) In this section, "abuse" and "neglect" have the meanings assigned by Section 261.001, Family Code.

(b) Not later than July 31, 2006, the agency, in consultation with the Department of Family and Protective Services, shall develop a pilot program to train school district employees in recognizing and responding appropriately to child abuse and neglect.

(c) The pilot program must be designed to provide uniform training standards for school district employees throughout this state.

(d) The commissioner shall select at least two school districts in which to implement the pilot program. One of the districts must be located in a county that has a population of fewer than 1.4 million and contains at least 12 school districts. The districts selected by the commissioner shall implement the pilot program beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2011, the commissioner shall submit a report concerning the effectiveness of the pilot program to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of the standing committee of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education.

(f) This section expires September 1, 2011.