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H.B. No. 2460

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring public schools to establish a drug awareness program.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.019. DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM. (a) A school district shall establish a campus drug awareness program.

(b) A campus drug awareness program under this section must:

(1) monitor drug use on campus;

(2) provide a process for tracking reported drug use;

(3) provide education services relating to drug use;

and

(4) establish group drug counseling for middle school, junior high school, and high school students.

(c) The agency by rule shall develop a drug awareness program that complies with this section. A school district may:

(1) adopt the program developed by the agency; or

(2) subject to approval by the commissioner, adopt a program developed by the district.

(d) In developing a drug awareness program under Subsection (c)(2), a school district may consult with:

(1) parents of district students;

(2) educators;

1 (3) state agencies, local governments, and private
2 entities that provide education services and drug prevention and
3 treatment services in the district; and

4 (4) other groups the district determines appropriate.

5 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2006-2007
6 school year.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.