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S.B. No. 990

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a training and examination program on sexual abuse and
3 child molestation for certain persons who work at youth camps.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Health and Safety Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 141.0095 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 141.0095. TRAINING AND EXAMINATION PROGRAM. (a) A
8 person holding a license issued under this chapter may not employ or
9 accept the volunteer service of an individual for a position
10 involving contact with campers at a youth camp unless the
11 individual submits to the person documentation that verifies the
12 individual within the preceding two years successfully completed
13 the training and examination program required by this section.

14 (b) A person holding a license issued under this chapter
15 must retain in the person's records the documentation required
16 under Subsection (a) for each employee or volunteer until the
17 second anniversary of the examination date.

18 (c) A person applying for or holding an employee or
19 volunteer position involving contact with campers at a youth camp
20 must successfully complete a training and examination program on
21 sexual abuse and child molestation administered by the Department
22 of Family and Protective Services during the period described by
23 Subsection (a).

24 (d) The Department of Family and Protective Services shall

1 develop and administer an Internet web-based training and
2 examination program on sexual abuse and child molestation. The
3 program must include not less than 30 minutes of training, and an
4 examination, on each of the following:

5 (1) the definitions and effects of sexual abuse and
6 child molestation;

7 (2) the typical patterns of behavior and methods of
8 operation of child molesters and sex offenders that put children at
9 risk;

10 (3) the warning signs and symptoms associated with
11 sexual abuse or child molestation, recognition of the signs and
12 symptoms, and the recommended methods of intervening and reporting
13 suspected abuse; and

14 (4) the recommended rules and procedures for youth
15 camps to implement to address, reduce, prevent, and report
16 suspected sexual abuse or child molestation.

17 (e) The Department of Family and Protective Services may
18 assess a fee in the amount necessary to cover the costs of
19 administering this section, not to exceed \$10, to each individual
20 who enrolls in the training and examination program on sexual abuse
21 and child molestation. A youth camp may reimburse an employee or
22 volunteer for the cost of the training and examination program.

23 SECTION 2. (a) The Department of Family and Protective
24 Services shall develop the training and examination program
25 required under Section 141.0095, Health and Safety Code, as added
26 by this Act, not later than February 1, 2006.

27 (b) Notwithstanding Section 141.0095, Health and Safety

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1 Code, as added by this Act, a youth camp or an individual employed
2 by or volunteering at a youth camp is not required to comply with
3 Section 141.0095 before June 1, 2006.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.