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H.B. No. 2128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to sexual abuse and child molestation prevention training
3 for certain public or private institutions of higher education
4 employees and volunteers who work at programs for minors.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 51.954 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.954. TRAINING REQUIRED TO OPERATE PROGRAM FOR
9 MINORS. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Institution of higher education" and "private or
11 independent institution of higher education" have the meanings
12 assigned by Section 61.003.

13 (2) "Minor" has the meaning assigned by Section
14 101.003, Family Code.

15 (3) "Program for minors" means a program operated by
16 an institution of higher education or a private or independent
17 institution of higher education that:

18 (A) provides recreational, athletic, or
19 educational activities for minors other than minors enrolled at the
20 institution; and

21 (B) accommodates at least five minors who attend
22 or temporarily reside at the camp for all or part of at least four
23 days.

24 (b) An institution of higher education or a private or

1 independent institution of higher education may not operate a
2 program for minors unless each employee and volunteer of the
3 institution who will be in contact with a participant of the program
4 who is a minor completes a training and examination program on
5 prevention of sexual abuse and child molestation.

6 (c) An employee or volunteer described by Subsection (b):

7 (1) must successfully complete the training and
8 examination program required by Subsection (b) at least once every
9 two years; and

10 (2) may satisfy that requirement by completing a
11 program approved by the Department of State Health Services under
12 Section 141.0095, Health and Safety Code.

13 (d) An institution of higher education or a private or
14 independent institution of higher education that operates a program
15 for minors must submit proof of employee and volunteer compliance
16 with this section to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.