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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a parenting and paternity awareness component of the high school health curriculum.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (p) to read as follows:

(p) The State Board of Education, in conjunction with the office of the attorney general, shall develop a parenting and paternity awareness program that a school district shall use in the district's high school health curriculum. The program must:

(1) address parenting skills and responsibilities, including child support and other legal rights and responsibilities that come with parenthood;

(2) address relationship skills, including money management, communication skills, and marriage preparation; and

(3) in district high schools that do not have a family violence prevention program, address skills relating to the prevention of family violence.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than May 1, 2008, the State Board of Education shall develop a parenting and paternity awareness program as provided by Section 28.002(p), Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) A school district shall use the parenting and paternity awareness program developed by the State Board of Education as

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1 provided by Section 28.002(p), Education Code, as added by this
2 Act, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.