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H.B. No. 2176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a parenting and paternity awareness component of the
3 high school health curriculum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (b) A school district shall use the parenting and paternity
24 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.