

By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 2520

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a domestic violence education pilot project in certain school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0041 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0041. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION PILOT PROJECT.

(a) The commissioner shall establish a pilot project under which the agency provides an age-appropriate curriculum concerning issues of domestic violence for students in grades 9 and 10 in school districts selected by the commissioner from the following counties:

(1) Bexar County;

(2) Dallas County; and

(3) Harris County.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the commissioner may not implement the pilot project in the Garland Independent School District.

(c) The curriculum adopted by the agency must be designed to foster an environment of safety, support, and respect for families affected by domestic violence through prevention and education. The curriculum must:

(1) ensure that students understand the issues of domestic violence, family violence, and violence associated with

1 teen dating;

2 (2) teach students nonviolent choices; and

3 (3) teach students how to develop healthy
4 relationships.

5 (d) The agency may administer the pilot project in
6 cooperation with a nonprofit organization that exists to support
7 families affected by domestic violence.

8 (e) The project is funded by appropriations if made, and by
9 gifts, grants, and donations made for that purpose. The agency
10 shall solicit gifts and grants from any public or private source and
11 seek federal funding for the use and benefit of the project.

12 (f) The agency shall report to the legislature describing
13 the agency's activities under the pilot project, the effect of the
14 project on education about domestic violence issues, and the
15 recommendations arising from the project. The agency shall submit
16 an interim report under this subsection not later than January 1,
17 2011, and a final report not later than January 1, 2013.

18 (g) This section expires January 1, 2013.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.