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S.B. No. 1082

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to school bus emergency evacuation training in public  
3 schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Education Code, is amended by adding  
6 Section 34.013 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 34.013. SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION TRAINING. (a)  
8 Each school district shall conduct a training session for students  
9 and teachers concerning procedures for evacuating a school bus  
10 during an emergency.

11 (b) A school district shall conduct the school bus emergency  
12 evacuation training at least twice each school year, with one  
13 training session occurring in the fall and one training session  
14 occurring in the spring. A training session must occur on a school  
15 bus and last for at least one hour.

16 (c) The school bus emergency evacuation training must be  
17 based on the recommendations of the most recent edition of the  
18 National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures, as  
19 adopted by the National Congress on School Transportation, or a  
20 similar school transportation safety manual.

21 (d) Not later than the 30th day after the date that a school  
22 district completes a training session, the district shall provide  
23 the agency with a record certifying the district's completion of  
24 the training.

1           (e) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement  
2 this section.

3           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007-2008  
4 school year.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.