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S.B. No. 1792

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to including knowledge and skills related to personal
3 safety among the essential knowledge and skills required for public
4 school health courses.

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

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

8 (q) The essential knowledge and skills for health courses
9 must include, at appropriate grade levels, knowledge and skills
10 related to personal safety and to recognizing and reporting
11 inappropriate conduct by an adult towards a student, including
12 inappropriate verbal comments, physical contact, photography, and
13 online communications. In identifying essential knowledge and
14 skills under this subsection, the State Board of Education shall
15 consult the Texas School Safety Center in addition to the
16 participants described by Subsection (c).

17 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2008, the State Board of
18 Education, in consultation with the Texas School Safety Center,
19 shall identify the knowledge and skills related to personal safety
20 to include among the essential knowledge and skills required for
21 health courses, as provided by Subsection (q), Section 28.002,
22 Education Code, as added by this Act. A school district or
23 open-enrollment charter school shall provide instruction in the
24 knowledge and skills beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

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