

1-1 By: Whitmire S.B. No. 1792  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2007; March 21, 2007, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 23, 2007,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 23, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1792 By: Shapiro

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to including knowledge and skills related to personal  
1-10 safety among the essential knowledge and skills required for public  
1-11 school health courses.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by  
1-14 adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

1-15 (q) The essential knowledge and skills for health courses  
1-16 must include, at appropriate grade levels, knowledge and skills  
1-17 related to personal safety and to recognizing and reporting  
1-18 inappropriate conduct by an adult towards a student, including  
1-19 inappropriate verbal comments, physical contact, photography, and  
1-20 online communications. In identifying essential knowledge and  
1-21 skills under this subsection, the State Board of Education shall  
1-22 consult the Texas School Safety Center in addition to the  
1-23 participants described by Subsection (c).

1-24 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2008, the State Board of  
1-25 Education, in consultation with the Texas School Safety Center,  
1-26 shall identify the knowledge and skills related to personal safety  
1-27 to include among the essential knowledge and skills required for  
1-28 health courses, as provided by Subsection (q), Section 28.002,  
1-29 Education Code, as added by this Act. A school district or  
1-30 open-enrollment charter school shall provide instruction in the  
1-31 knowledge and skills beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

1-32 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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