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H.B. No. 996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school bus emergency evacuation training.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 34.0021(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A ~~[Pursuant to the safety standards established by the Department of Public Safety under Section 34.002, each]~~ school district may elect to ~~[shall]~~ conduct ~~[a]~~ training ~~[session]~~ for students and teachers concerning procedures for evacuating a school bus during an emergency.

(b) A school district that elects to conduct the school bus emergency evacuation training shall conduct the ~~[school bus emergency evacuation]~~ training in compliance with the safety standards established by the Department of Public Safety under Section 34.002 ~~[at least twice each school year, with one training session occurring in the fall and one training session occurring in the spring. A portion of the training session must occur on a school bus and the training session must last for at least one hour]~~.

SECTION 2. Sections 34.0021(d) and (e), Education Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.