

1-1 By: Parker (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 1041
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2009;
1-3 May 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 21, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1041 By: Van de Putte

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to school district policies addressing sexual abuse of
1-11 children.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as Jenna's Law.

1-14 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 38.0041 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 38.0041. POLICIES ADDRESSING SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN.

1-17 (a) Each school district shall adopt and implement a policy
1-18 addressing sexual abuse of children to be included in the district
1-19 improvement plan under Section 11.252.

1-20 (b) A policy required by this section must address:

1-21 (1) methods for increasing teacher, student, and
1-22 parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children,
1-23 including knowledge of likely warning signs indicating that a child
1-24 may be a victim of sexual abuse, using resources developed by the
1-25 agency under Section 38.004;

1-26 (2) actions that a child who is a victim of sexual
1-27 abuse should take to obtain assistance and intervention; and

1-28 (3) available counseling options for students
1-29 affected by sexual abuse.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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