

1-1 By: Deshotel, et al. (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 3076
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2009;
1-3 May 4, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 20, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 20, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to a parenting and paternity awareness program used in the
1-9 health curriculum for public schools.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsection (p) and adding Subsections (p-2), (p-3), and
1-13 (p-4) to read as follows:

1-14 (p) The State Board of Education, in conjunction with the
1-15 office of the attorney general, shall develop a parenting and
1-16 paternity awareness program that a school district shall use in the
1-17 district's high school health curriculum. A school district may
1-18 use the program developed under this subsection in the district's
1-19 middle or junior high school curriculum. At the discretion of the
1-20 district, a teacher may modify the suggested sequence and pace of
1-21 the program at any grade level. The program must:

1-22 (1) address parenting skills and responsibilities,
1-23 including child support and other legal rights and responsibilities
1-24 that come with parenthood;

1-25 (2) address relationship skills, including money
1-26 management, communication skills, and marriage preparation; and

1-27 (3) in district middle, junior high, or high schools
1-28 that do not have a family violence prevention program, address
1-29 skills relating to the prevention of family violence.

1-30 (p-2) A school district may develop or adopt research-based
1-31 programs and curriculum materials for use in conjunction with the
1-32 program developed under Subsection (p). The programs and
1-33 curriculum materials may provide instruction in:

1-34 (1) child development;

1-35 (2) parenting skills, including child abuse and
1-36 neglect prevention; and

1-37 (3) assertiveness skills to prevent teenage
1-38 pregnancy, abusive relationships, and family violence.

1-39 (p-3) The agency shall evaluate programs and curriculum
1-40 materials developed under Subsection (p-2) and distribute to other
1-41 school districts information regarding those programs and
1-42 materials.

1-43 (p-4) A student under 14 years of age may not participate in
1-44 a program developed under Subsection (p) without the permission of
1-45 the student's parent or person standing in parental relation to the
1-46 student.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
1-48 school year.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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