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H.B. No. 4597

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application of the definitions of culpable mental states in the Education Code.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.1205 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.1205. CULPABLE MENTAL STATES. As provided by Section 1.03(b), Penal Code, the definitions of culpable mental states provided by Section 6.03, Penal Code, apply to offenses defined by this code.

SECTION 2. The amendment by this Act to Subchapter E, Chapter 37, Education Code, is intended to clarify rather than change existing law.

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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.