

AN ACT

relating to a parenting and paternity awareness component of the health curriculum used in public high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (p), Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(p) The State Board of Education, in conjunction with the office of the attorney general, shall develop a parenting and paternity awareness program that a school district shall use in the district's high school health curriculum. At the discretion of the district, a teacher may modify the suggested sequence and pace of the program. The program must:

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

(2) address relationship skills, including money management, communication skills, and marriage preparation; and

(3) in district high schools that do not have a family violence prevention program, address skills relating to the prevention of family violence.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1219 passed the Senate on April 9, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 28, 2009, Senate refused to concur in House amendment and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 29, 2009, House granted request of the Senate; May 31, 2009, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1219 passed the House, with amendment, on May 20, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 115, Nays 19, one present not voting; May 29, 2009, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 31, 2009, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 100, Nays 41, three present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor