

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 1219  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 2, 2009; March 13, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 25, 2009,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 25, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1219 By: Van de Putte

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to a parenting and paternity awareness component of the  
1-10 health curriculum used in public high schools.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (p), Section 28.002, Education Code,  
1-13 is amended 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. At the discretion of the  
1-18 district, a teacher may modify the suggested sequence and pace of  
1-19 the program. The program must:

1-20 (1) address parenting skills and responsibilities,  
1-21 including child support and other legal rights and responsibilities  
1-22 that come with parenthood;

1-23 (2) address relationship skills, including money  
1-24 management, communication skills, and marriage preparation; and

1-25 (3) in district high schools that do not have a family  
1-26 violence prevention program, address skills relating to the  
1-27 prevention of family violence.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010  
1-29 school year.

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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