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S.B. No. 1344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an alcohol awareness component of the health curriculum used in public schools.

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

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

(r) The State Board of Education shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that address the dangers, causes, consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. The agency shall compile a list of alcohol awareness evidence-based programs from which a school district shall choose for use in the district's health curriculum. In this subsection, "alcohol awareness evidence-based program" means a program that, on the basis of evaluations that use valid and reliable measures and that are published in peer-reviewed journals, has been proven to effectively prevent or delay alcohol use among students.

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 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.