

1-1 By: Watson, Zaffirini S.B. No. 1344
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2009; March 17, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 21, 2009,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1344 By: Gallegos

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

1-9 relating to an alcohol awareness component of the health curriculum
1-10 used in public schools.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Carson Starkey
1-13 Alcohol Awareness and Education Act.

1-14 SECTION 2. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-15 adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

1-16 (r) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the
1-17 health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B), the State Board of
1-18 Education shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that address
1-19 the dangers, causes, consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment
1-20 of binge drinking and alcohol poisoning. The agency shall compile a
1-21 list of evidence-based alcohol awareness programs from which a
1-22 school district shall choose a program to use in the district's
1-23 middle school, junior high school, and high school health
1-24 curriculum. In this subsection, "evidence-based alcohol awareness
1-25 program" means a program, practice, or strategy that has been
1-26 proven to effectively prevent or delay alcohol use among students,
1-27 as determined by evaluations that use valid and reliable measures
1-28 and that are published in peer-reviewed journals.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
1-30 school year.

1-31 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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