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S.B. No. 1904

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to promoting safety in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4512 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4512. SAFETY TRAINING REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. A superintendent or principal employed by a school district must attend the safety training program provided under Section 37.205 on or before the first anniversary of the date of the person's first day of employment with the district. The requirement to attend a safety training program under this section applies only to a person's initial employment by any school district in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 37.081, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(i) A school district peace officer must attend the safety training program provided under Section 37.205 on or before the first anniversary of the date of the officer's first day of employment with the district. The requirement to attend a safety training program under this section applies only to a peace officer's initial employment by any school district in this state.

(j) The board of trustees of a school district that commissions peace officers shall provide in written district policy and post on a district Internet website:

1 (1) a statement describing the employment
2 relationship between the district and the peace officers; and

3 (2) a brief description of district police department
4 responsibilities and procedures.

5 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 37.087 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 37.087. REPORT RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS. (a)
8 The chief of police of a school district police department or
9 another person designated by the board of trustees of the district
10 shall annually report to the board of trustees each action taken by
11 a district peace officer concerning a district student's violation
12 of a penal law of this state or a local ordinance, disaggregated by
13 the peace officer action taken, the student conduct involved, and
14 the age, grade level, race, ethnicity, gender, and special
15 education status of the student.

16 (b) The board of trustees of the school district shall:

17 (1) report the information provided under Subsection
18 (a) at the first regularly scheduled board meeting held after the
19 information is provided under Subsection (a); and

20 (2) post the information provided on a district
21 Internet website.

22 SECTION 4. Section 37.205, Education Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 37.205. SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAMS. The center shall
25 conduct for school districts a safety training program that
26 includes:

27 (1) development of a positive school environment and

1 proactive safety and discipline measures designed to address local
2 concerns;

3 (2) school safety courses and positive proactive
4 discipline training for law enforcement officials, with a focus on
5 school district police officers and school resource officers;

6 (3) discussion of school safety issues with parents
7 and community members; and

8 (4) assistance in developing a multihazard emergency
9 operations plan for adoption under Section 37.108.

10 SECTION 5. (a) Notwithstanding Section 21.4512, Education
11 Code, as added by this Act, a superintendent or principal employed
12 by a school district on the effective date of this Act must attend
13 the safety training program provided under Section 37.205,
14 Education Code, as amended by this Act, on or before August 31,
15 2010.

16 (b) Notwithstanding Section 37.081(i), Education Code, as
17 added by this Act, a peace officer employed by a school district on
18 the effective date of this Act must attend the safety training
19 program provided under Section 37.205, Education Code, as amended
20 by this Act, on or before August 31, 2010.

21 SECTION 6. Sections 37.081(j) and 37.087, Education Code,
22 as added by this Act, and Section 37.205, Education Code, as amended
23 by this Act, apply beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

24 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.