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H.B. No. 2324

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reports of child abuse or neglect by school district
3 employees and records of training regarding child abuse and neglect
4 for certain child-care facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 38.004(a), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The agency shall develop a policy governing the reports
9 of child abuse or neglect [~~reports~~] required by Chapter 261, Family
10 Code, of school districts and their employees. The policy must
11 provide for cooperation with law enforcement child abuse
12 investigations without the consent of the child's parents if
13 necessary, including investigations by the Department of Family and
14 Protective [~~and Regulatory~~] Services. The policy must require each
15 school district employee to report child abuse or neglect in the
16 manner required by Chapter 261, Family Code. The policy may not
17 require a school district employee to report child abuse or neglect
18 to the employee's supervisor before the employee makes the report
19 required by Chapter 261, Family Code. Each school district shall
20 adopt the policy.

21 SECTION 2. Section 42.0426, Human Resources Code, is
22 amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

23 (a-1) A licensed facility shall require each employee of the
24 facility who attends a training program required by Subsection

1 (a)(1) to sign a statement verifying the employee's attendance at
2 the training program. The licensed facility shall maintain the
3 statement in the employee's personnel records.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.