

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 291
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 21, 2010; January 31, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
1-4 April 7, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 7, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 291 By: Davis

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to an alcohol awareness component of the science
1-11 curriculum used in public schools.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (r), Section 28.002, Education Code,
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (r) ~~The [In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for~~
1-16 ~~the health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B), the]~~ State Board
1-17 of Education by rule shall require a school district or
1-18 open-enrollment charter school to provide instruction [adopt
1-19 ~~essential knowledge and skills]~~ that addresses [address] the
1-20 dangers, causes, consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment of
1-21 binge drinking and alcohol poisoning to students in middle school,
1-22 junior high school, and high school. The agency shall compile a
1-23 list of evidence-based alcohol awareness programs from which a
1-24 school district or open-enrollment charter school shall choose a
1-25 program to use in the district's or school's middle school, junior
1-26 high school, and high school science [health] curriculum. A high
1-27 school shall use a program chosen under this subsection in a course
1-28 that satisfies the science curriculum requirement for graduation
1-29 under Section 28.025(b-1)(1)(A). In this subsection,
1-30 "evidence-based alcohol awareness program" means a program,
1-31 practice, or strategy that has been proven to effectively prevent
1-32 or delay alcohol use among students, as determined by evaluations
1-33 that use valid and reliable measures and that are published in
1-34 peer-reviewed journals.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2011-2012
1-36 school year.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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