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H.B. No. 707

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to inclusion in school district improvement plans of
3 policies to prevent dating violence.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.252(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) Each school district shall have a district improvement
8 plan that is developed, evaluated, and revised annually, in
9 accordance with district policy, by the superintendent with the
10 assistance of the district-level committee established under
11 Section 11.251. The purpose of the district improvement plan is to
12 guide district and campus staff in the improvement of student
13 performance for all student groups in order to attain state
14 standards in respect to the student achievement indicators adopted
15 under Section 39.053. The district improvement plan must include
16 provisions for:

17 (1) a comprehensive needs assessment addressing
18 district student performance on the student achievement
19 indicators, and other appropriate measures of performance, that are
20 disaggregated by all student groups served by the district,
21 including categories of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sex, and
22 populations served by special programs, including students in
23 special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29;

24 (2) measurable district performance objectives for

1 all appropriate student achievement indicators for all student
2 populations, including students in special education programs
3 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and other measures of student
4 performance that may be identified through the comprehensive needs
5 assessment;

6 (3) strategies for improvement of student performance
7 that include:

8 (A) instructional methods for addressing the
9 needs of student groups not achieving their full potential;

10 (B) methods for addressing the needs of students
11 for special programs, including:

12 (i) suicide prevention programs, in
13 accordance with Subchapter O-1, Chapter 161, Health and Safety
14 Code, which includes a parental or guardian notification procedure;

15 (ii) conflict resolution programs;

16 (iii) violence prevention programs; and

17 (iv) dyslexia treatment programs;

18 (C) dropout reduction;

19 (D) integration of technology in instructional
20 and administrative programs;

21 (E) discipline management;

22 (F) staff development for professional staff of
23 the district;

24 (G) career education to assist students in
25 developing the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for a
26 broad range of career opportunities; and

27 (H) accelerated education;

1 (4) strategies for providing to middle school, junior
2 high school, and high school students, those students' teachers and
3 counselors, and those students' parents information about:

4 (A) higher education admissions and financial
5 aid opportunities;

6 (B) the TEXAS grant program and the Teach for
7 Texas grant program established under Chapter 56;

8 (C) the need for students to make informed
9 curriculum choices to be prepared for success beyond high school;
10 ~~and~~

11 (D) sources of information on higher education
12 admissions and financial aid; and

13 (E) the district's dating violence policy
14 adopted under Section 37.0831;

15 (5) resources needed to implement identified
16 strategies;

17 (6) staff responsible for ensuring the accomplishment
18 of each strategy;

19 (7) timelines for ongoing monitoring of the
20 implementation of each improvement strategy;

21 (8) formative evaluation criteria for determining
22 periodically whether strategies are resulting in intended
23 improvement of student performance; ~~and~~

24 (9) the policy under Section 38.0041 addressing sexual
25 abuse and other maltreatment of children; and

26 (10) carrying out the elements of the district's
27 dating violence policy required under Section 37.0831 at each

1 middle school, junior high school, and high school in the district.

2 SECTION 2. Section 37.0831(a), Education Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (a) Each school district shall:

5 (1) adopt [~~and implement~~] a dating violence policy to
6 be included in the district improvement plan under Section 11.252;
7 and

8 (2) implement the policy at each middle school, junior
9 high school, and high school in the district.

10 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
11 school year.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.