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H.B. No. 2483

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to including oral health education as part of the  
3 coordinated health program for public elementary, middle, and  
4 junior high school students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 38.013(a), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The agency shall make available to each school district  
9 one or more coordinated health programs designed to prevent  
10 obesity, cardiovascular disease, oral diseases, and Type 2 diabetes  
11 in elementary school, middle school, and junior high school  
12 students. Each program must provide for coordinating:

13 (1) health education, including oral health  
14 education;

15 (2) physical education and physical activity;

16 (3) nutrition services; and

17 (4) parental involvement.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.