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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2 relating to including disability awareness training in risk

3 management programs required for members and advisors of student

4 organizations at postsecondary educational institutions.

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

6   SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 51.9361, Education Code,

7 is amended to read as follows:

8   (g) A program under this section may address any issue

9 determined appropriate by the postsecondary educational

10 institution and must address:

11   (1) possession and use of alcoholic beverages and

12 illegal drugs, including penalties that may be imposed for

13 possession or use;

14   (2) hazing;

15   (3) sexual abuse and harassment;

16   (4) fire and other safety issues, including the

17 possession and use of a firearm or other weapon or of an explosive

18 device;

19   (5) travel to a destination outside the area in which

20 the institution is located;

21   (6) behavior at parties and other events held by a

22 student organization; [and]

23   (7) adoption by a student organization of a risk

24 management policy; and

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1   (8) issues regarding persons with disabilities,

2 including a review of applicable requirements of federal and state

3 law, and any related policies of the institution, for providing

4 reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of

5 students with disabilities, including access to the activities of

6 the student organization.

7   SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Subsection

8 (g), Section 51.9361, Education Code, applies beginning with a risk

9 management program provided at a public or private postsecondary

10 educational institution for the 2013-2014 academic year.

11   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

15 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.