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H.B. No. 1142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the establishment of a workgroup to examine the
3 implementation of dating violence awareness and education programs
4 in public schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.0831, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

8 (c) The commissioner shall establish a workgroup to make
9 recommendations related to ensuring and improving implementation
10 of the dating violence policy required under Subsection (a) in
11 middle schools, including recommendations for specific methods of
12 implementing training under the policy for students, parents,
13 educators, and school administrators. The workgroup must be
14 composed of:

15 (1) one member from the agency;

16 (2) one member from the Texas State Teachers
17 Association;

18 (3) one member from the Texas American Federation of
19 Teachers;

20 (4) one member from the Association of Texas
21 Professional Educators;

22 (5) one member from the Texas Association of School
23 Boards;

24 (6) one member from the Texas Association of School

- 1 Administrators;
2 (7) one member from the Texas School Counselor
3 Association;
4 (8) one member from the Texas Association of Secondary
5 School Principals;
6 (9) one member from the Texas School Nurses
7 Organization;
8 (10) one member from the Texas School Safety Center;
9 (11) one member from the Texas High School Coaches
10 Association;
11 (12) three campus safety officers;
12 (13) four members from family violence centers, as
13 defined by Section 51.002, Human Resources Code, from different
14 geographic regions in this state, including both rural and urban
15 areas;
16 (14) one member from a statewide family violence
17 advocacy organization;
18 (15) one member from a statewide sexual assault
19 advocacy organization;
20 (16) one member from a statewide advocacy organization
21 that serves teenage victims of dating violence;
22 (17) one member from the intake division or the
23 investigation division of the Department of Family and Protective
24 Services;
25 (18) one member from the Parenting and Paternity
26 Awareness program in the office of the attorney general;
27 (19) one member from the family violence program in

1 the Health and Human Services Commission; and

2 (20) two members from the Texas Juvenile Justice
3 Department, including one member who has experience with juvenile
4 probation.

5 (d) The workgroup established under Subsection (c) shall
6 report its recommendations to the legislature not later than
7 September 1, 2016.

8 (e) This subsection and Subsections (c) and (d) expire
9 September 1, 2016.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.