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H.B. No. 3289

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to inclusion of mental health concerns in existing school
3 health efforts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.004, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (1-2) to read as
7 follows:

8 (d) The board of trustees shall appoint at least five
9 members to the local school health advisory council. A majority of
10 the members must be persons who are parents of students enrolled in
11 the district and who are not employed by the district. One of those
12 members shall serve as chair or co-chair of the council. The board
13 of trustees also may appoint one or more persons from each of the
14 following groups or a representative from a group other than a group
15 specified under this subsection:

- 16 (1) public school teachers;
- 17 (2) public school administrators;
- 18 (3) district students;
- 19 (4) health care professionals;
- 20 (5) the business community;
- 21 (6) law enforcement;
- 22 (7) senior citizens;
- 23 (8) the clergy;
- 24 (9) nonprofit health organizations; ~~and~~

1 (10) local domestic violence programs;

2 (11) local community mental health providers; and

3 (12) local substance abuse services providers.

4 (1-2) The local school health advisory council shall:

5 (1) review the adopted health education curriculum for
6 accuracy and content related to mental health and consider the
7 inclusion of the following topics:

8 (A) recognition of signs and symptoms related to
9 mental illness;

10 (B) mental health stigmas;

11 (C) substance abuse; and

12 (D) stress management;

13 (2) make recommendations regarding professional
14 development designed to promote the ability of school district
15 staff to build positive relationships with students, increase
16 school connectedness, and improve recognition and understanding of
17 mental health issues; and

18 (3) make policy recommendations to the school district
19 concerning the integration of social and emotional learning into
20 the academic curriculum.

21 SECTION 2. Section 38.013(a), Education Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) The agency shall make available to each school district
24 one or more coordinated health programs designed to prevent
25 obesity, cardiovascular disease, oral diseases, ~~and~~ Type 2
26 diabetes, and mental health concerns in elementary school, middle
27 school, and junior high school students. Each program must provide

1 for coordinating:

- 2 (1) health education, including oral health
- 3 education;
- 4 (2) physical education and physical activity;
- 5 (3) nutrition services; ~~and~~
- 6 (4) parental involvement; and
- 7 (5) physical and mental health policies, services, and
- 8 supports.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.