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S.B. No. 133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mental health first aid training for school district employees and school resource officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1001.201, Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended by adding Subdivisions (4) and (5) to read as follows:

(4) "School district employee" means a principal, assistant principal, educator, teacher's aide, counselor, nurse, or school bus driver employed by a school district.

(5) "School resource officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.601, Occupations Code.

SECTION 2. Sections 1001.203(a) and (c), Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department shall make grants to local mental health authorities to provide an approved mental health first aid training program, administered by mental health first aid trainers, at no cost to school district employees and school resource officers ~~educators~~.

(c) Subject to the limit provided by Subsection (b), out of the funds appropriated to the department for making grants under

1 this section, the department shall grant \$100 to a local mental  
2 health authority for each school district employee or school  
3 resource officer [~~educator~~] who successfully completes a mental  
4 health first aid training program provided by the authority under  
5 this section.

6 SECTION 3. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, as  
7 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
8 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than August 31  
10 [~~July 1~~] of each year, a local mental health authority shall provide  
11 to the department the number of:

12 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who  
13 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section  
14 1001.202 during the preceding calendar year;

15 (2) educators, school district employees other than  
16 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental  
17 health first aid training program offered by the authority under  
18 Section 1001.203 during the preceding calendar year; and

19 (3) individuals who are not school district employees  
20 or school resource officers [~~educators~~] who completed a mental  
21 health first aid training program offered by the authority during  
22 the preceding calendar year.

23 (b) Not later than September 30 [~~August 1~~] of each year, the  
24 department shall compile the information submitted by local mental  
25 health authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a  
26 report to the legislature containing the number of:

27 (1) authority employees and contractors trained as

1 mental health first aid trainers during the preceding calendar  
2 year;

3 (2) educators, school district employees other than  
4 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental  
5 health first aid training program provided by an authority during  
6 the preceding calendar year; and

7 (3) individuals who are not school district employees  
8 or school resource officers [~~educators~~] who completed a mental  
9 health first aid training program provided by an authority during  
10 the preceding calendar year.

11 SECTION 4. 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, 2015.