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H.B. No. 226

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to education programs regarding AIDS and HIV infection.

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

SECTION 1. Section 85.007(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition, the educational materials intended for persons younger than 18 years of age must:

(1) emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity, if used consistently and correctly, is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, sexually acquired infection with human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and the emotional distress that may be associated with adolescent sexual activity [~~teach that sexual activity before marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical consequences~~];

(2) teach adolescents ways to recognize and respond to unwanted physical and verbal sexual advances;

(3) teach that the use of alcohol or drugs increases a person's vulnerability to unwanted sexual advances; and

(4) emphasize the importance of attaining self-sufficiency before engaging in sexual activity.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.