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H.B. No. 3887

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to trauma training for public school personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) The programs on the list must include components that provide for training counselors, teachers, nurses, administrators, and other staff, as well as law enforcement officers and social workers who regularly interact with students, to:

(1) recognize students displaying signs of physical or emotional trauma; and

(2) intervene effectively with students described by Subdivision (1) by providing the written explanation required under Section 26.0081(c), Education Code, and notice and referral to a parent or guardian so appropriate action, such as seeking mental health or substance abuse services, may be taken by the parent or guardian.

(c-1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, each school district shall provide training described in the components set forth under Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and (b-1) for teachers, counselors, principals, and all other appropriate personnel. A school district is required to provide the training at an elementary school campus only to the extent that sufficient

1 funding and programs are available. A school district may  
2 implement a program on the list to satisfy the requirements of this  
3 subsection.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.