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H.B. No. 4056

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain research-based practices for use by 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 amending Subsections (a), (a-2), and (c) and adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

(a) The department, in coordination with the Texas Education Agency and regional education service centers, shall provide and annually update a list of recommended best practice-based programs in the areas specified under Subsection (a-1) and research-based practices in the areas specified under Subsection (a-2) for implementation in public elementary, junior high, middle, and high schools within the general education setting. Each school district may select from the list a program or programs or a practice or practices appropriate for implementation in the district.

(a-2) The list must include research-based practices in the following areas:

(1) physical or emotional trauma intervention;

(2) social and emotional learning;

(3) positive school climate; and

(4) positive behavior supports.

(a-3) The department, the Texas Education Agency, and each

1 regional education service center shall make the list easily  
2 accessible on their websites.

3 (c) In developing the list of programs and practices, the  
4 department and the Texas Education Agency shall consider:

5 (1) any existing suicide prevention method developed  
6 by a school district; and

7 (2) any Internet or online course or program developed  
8 in this state or another state that is based on best practices  
9 recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
10 Administration or the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

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