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S.B. No. 1194

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to community outreach on the dangers of abusable synthetic substances.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 6, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 469 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 469. ABUSABLE SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Sec. 469.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Abusable synthetic substance" has the meaning assigned by Section 484.001.

(2) "Task force" means the abusable synthetic substances education task force created under this chapter.

Sec. 469.002. ABUSABLE SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES EDUCATION TASK FORCE. (a) The abusable synthetic substances education task force is composed of:

(1) the commissioner of the Texas Education Agency or the commissioner's designee;

(2) the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the executive director's designee;

(3) the executive director of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department or the executive director's designee;

(4) the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety or the director's designee;

(5) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human

1 Services Commission or the executive commissioner's designee; and  
2 (6) the associate commissioner for intellectual and  
3 developmental disabilities and behavioral health services of the  
4 medical and social services division of the Health and Human  
5 Services Commission or the associate commissioner's designee.

6 (b) The members of the task force shall elect a presiding  
7 officer from among the membership.

8 (c) Members of the task force serve without compensation and  
9 may not be reimbursed for travel or other expenses incurred while  
10 conducting the business of the task force.

11 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the presiding  
12 officer. The task force may meet telephonically in accordance with  
13 Section 551.125(b)(3), Government Code.

14 (e) Each agency represented on the task force shall  
15 contribute resources to the task force.

16 Sec. 469.003. COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. (a) The task  
17 force shall develop and implement a community outreach campaign  
18 that educates the public about and increases awareness of the  
19 dangers of abusable synthetic substances.

20 (b) The community outreach campaign shall address:

21 (1) the health, criminal, and social consequences of  
22 using an abusable synthetic substance;

23 (2) recognizing the packaging of abusable synthetic  
24 substances;

25 (3) recognizing the signs of abusable synthetic  
26 substance use;

27 (4) responding to a possible overdose of or adverse

1 reaction to the ingestion of an abusable synthetic substance; and

2 (5) treatment options for persons using abusable  
3 synthetic substances.

4 (c) The community outreach campaign must be designed to  
5 reach a broad audience, but also contain elements specifically  
6 designed for students and youth.

7 (d) The task force may:

8 (1) publish and make available written materials on  
9 the dangers of abusable synthetic substances;

10 (2) use advertisements or similar media to provide  
11 information on the dangers of abusable synthetic substances and  
12 increase community awareness; and

13 (3) create and maintain an Internet website containing  
14 information on the dangers of abusable synthetic substances.

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