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S.B. No. 1691

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the commissioner of education establishing an annual
3 conference on methods to improve the mental health of students in
4 public schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 7.066 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7.066. CONFERENCE TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS.

9 (a) The commissioner shall conduct an annual conference on mental
10 health in schools to be attended by school district employees. The
11 commissioner shall collaborate with the executive commissioner of
12 the Health and Human Services Commission in organizing and
13 conducting the conference and may collaborate with nongovernmental
14 entities as needed.

15 (b) The conference shall be held to discuss strategies to
16 improve the mental health of students, including:

17 (1) trauma informed practices;

18 (2) social and emotional learning;

19 (3) partnering with community service providers;

20 (4) addressing homelessness; and

21 (5) proactive classroom management techniques.

22 (c) The commissioner may solicit and accept gifts, grants,
23 and donations for the purposes of this section.

24 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement

1 this section.

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