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(Price, Sheffield, Minjarez, Rose, VanDeaver, et al.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to recommendations by local school health advisory councils regarding opioid addiction and abuse education in public schools.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 28.004(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  The local school health advisory council's duties include recommending:

(1)  the number of hours of instruction to be provided in health education;

(2)  policies, procedures, strategies, and curriculum appropriate for specific grade levels designed to prevent obesity, cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, and mental health concerns through coordination of:

(A)  health education;

(B)  physical education and physical activity;

(C)  nutrition services;

(D)  parental involvement;

(E)  instruction to prevent the use of e-cigarettes, as defined by Section 161.081, Health and Safety Code, and tobacco;

(F)  school health services;

(G)  counseling and guidance services;

(H)  a safe and healthy school environment; and

(I)  school employee wellness;

(3)  appropriate grade levels and methods of instruction for human sexuality instruction;

(4)  strategies for integrating the curriculum components specified by Subdivision (2) with the following elements in a coordinated school health program for the district:

(A)  school health services;

(B)  counseling and guidance services;

(C)  a safe and healthy school environment; and

(D)  school employee wellness; [~~and~~]

(5)  if feasible, joint use agreements or strategies for collaboration between the school district and community organizations or agencies; and

(6)  appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction regarding opioid addiction and abuse and methods of administering an opioid antagonist, as defined by Section 483.101, Health and Safety Code.

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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.