

1-1 By: González of El Paso, Meyer, Button H.B. No. 111
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Fallon)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 21, 2019;
 1-4 March 27, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Education; May 10, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 Taylor | X | | | |
| 1-9 Lucio | X | | | |
| 1-10 Bettencourt | X | | | |
| 1-11 Campbell | X | | | |
| 1-12 Fallon | X | | | |
| 1-13 Hall | X | | | |
| 1-14 Hughes | X | | | |
| 1-15 Paxton | X | | | |
| 1-16 Powell | X | | | |
| 1-17 Watson | X | | | |
| 1-18 West | X | | | |

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to public school policy and training for public school
 1-23 employees addressing the prevention of sexual abuse, sex
 1-24 trafficking, and other maltreatment of certain children.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Sections 38.0041(a), (a-1), (b), and (c),
 1-27 Education Code, as amended by Chapter 762 (S.B. 2039), Acts of the
 1-28 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, are reenacted and amended
 1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school
 1-31 shall adopt and implement a policy addressing sexual abuse, sex
 1-32 trafficking, and other maltreatment of children, to be included in
 1-33 the district improvement plan under Section 11.252 and any
 1-34 informational handbook provided to students and parents.

1-35 (a-1) A school district may collaborate with local law
 1-36 enforcement and outside consultants with expertise in the
 1-37 prevention of sexual abuse and sex trafficking to create the policy
 1-38 required under Subsection (a), and to create a referral protocol
 1-39 for high-risk students.

1-40 (b) A policy required by this section must address:

1-41 (1) methods for increasing staff, student, and parent
 1-42 awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and
 1-43 other maltreatment of children, including prevention techniques
 1-44 and knowledge of likely warning signs indicating that a child may be
 1-45 a victim of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or other maltreatment,
 1-46 using resources developed by the agency or the commissioner
 1-47 regarding those issues, including resources developed by the agency
 1-48 under Section 38.004 [or by the commissioner under Section 28.017];

1-49 (2) actions that a child who is a victim of sexual
 1-50 abuse, sex trafficking, or other maltreatment should take to obtain
 1-51 assistance and intervention; and

1-52 (3) available counseling options for students
 1-53 affected by sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or other maltreatment.

1-54 (c) The methods under Subsection (b)(1) for increasing
 1-55 awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and
 1-56 other maltreatment of children must include training, as provided
 1-57 by this subsection, concerning prevention techniques for and
 1-58 recognition of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and all other
 1-59 maltreatment of children, including the sexual abuse, sex
 1-60 trafficking, and other maltreatment of children with significant
 1-61 cognitive disabilities. The training:

2-1 (1) must be provided, as part of a new employee
2-2 orientation, to all new school district and open-enrollment charter
2-3 school employees and to existing district and open-enrollment
2-4 charter school employees on a schedule adopted by the agency by rule
2-5 until all district and open-enrollment charter school employees
2-6 have taken the training; and

2-7 (2) must include training concerning:

2-8 (A) factors indicating a child is at risk for
2-9 sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or other maltreatment;

2-10 (B) likely warning signs indicating a child may
2-11 be a victim of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or other
2-12 maltreatment;

2-13 (C) internal procedures for seeking assistance
2-14 for a child who is at risk for sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or
2-15 other maltreatment, including referral to a school counselor, a
2-16 social worker, or another mental health professional;

2-17 (D) techniques for reducing a child's risk of
2-18 sexual abuse, sex trafficking, or other maltreatment; and

2-19 (E) community organizations that have relevant
2-20 existing research-based programs that are able to provide training
2-21 or other education for school district or open-enrollment charter
2-22 school staff members, students, and parents.

2-23 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
2-24 school year.

2-25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-28 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-29 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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