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H.B. No. 204

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion of instruction about mental health in the  
3 required curriculum for public school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.002(a), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through  
8 grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

9 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

10 (A) English language arts;

11 (B) mathematics;

12 (C) science; and

13 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United  
14 States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on  
15 the free enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and

16 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

17 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than  
18 English;

19 (B) health, including mental health, with  
20 emphasis on the importance of:

21 (i) proper nutrition and exercise; and

22 (ii) the relationship between physical and  
23 mental health;

24 (C) physical education;

- 1 (D) fine arts;
- 2 (E) career and technology education;
- 3 (F) technology applications;
- 4 (G) religious literature, including the Hebrew
- 5 Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on
- 6 history and literature; and
- 7 (H) personal financial literacy.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020

9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

14 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.