

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 403

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to training requirements for a member of the board of  
3 trustees and the superintendent of an independent school district  
4 regarding sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other maltreatment  
5 of children.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by  
8 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and  
9 (e) to read as follows:

10 (c) The State Board of Education shall require a trustee to  
11 complete every two years at least:

12 (1) three hours of training [~~every two years~~] on  
13 evaluating student academic performance; and

14 (2) one hour of training on identifying and reporting  
15 potential victims of sexual abuse, human trafficking, and other  
16 maltreatment of children.

17 (c-1) The training required by Subsection (c)(1) must be  
18 research-based and designed to support the oversight role of the  
19 board of trustees under Section 11.1515.

20 (c-2) A candidate for trustee may complete the training  
21 required by Subsection (c) up to one year before the candidate is  
22 elected. A new trustee shall complete the training within 120 days  
23 after the date of the trustee's election or appointment. A  
24 returning trustee shall complete the training by the second

1 anniversary of the completion of the trustee's previous training.

2 (e) For purposes of this section, "other maltreatment" has  
3 the meaning assigned by Section 42.002, Human Resources Code.

4 SECTION 2. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by  
5 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

6 (h) Continuing education requirements for a superintendent  
7 must include at least 2-1/2 hours of training every five years on  
8 identifying and reporting potential victims of sexual abuse, human  
9 trafficking, and other maltreatment of children. For purposes of  
10 this subsection, "other maltreatment" has the meaning assigned by  
11 Section 42.002, Human Resources Code.

12 SECTION 3. A superintendent subject to continuing education  
13 requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is  
14 not required to comply with the continuing education requirements  
15 described by Section 21.054(h), Education Code, as added by this  
16 Act, for any continuing education requirements period that ends  
17 before January 1, 2021.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.