

1-1 By: Thompson of Harris (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1386
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2019;
1-3 April 15, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 & Human Services; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to training and development activities for persons who may
1-20 interact with an individual with autism or other pervasive
1-21 developmental disorder.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section [114.013](#), Human Resources Code, is
1-24 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c) and
1-25 (d) to read as follows:

1-26 (b) As part of coordinating resources under Subsection (a),
1-27 the commission shall:

1-28 (1) collect and distribute information and research
1-29 regarding autism and other pervasive developmental disorders;

1-30 (2) conduct training and development activities for
1-31 persons who may interact with an individual with autism or another
1-32 pervasive developmental disorder in the course of their employment,
1-33 including school, medical, and ~~law~~ law enforcement personnel, and
1-34 personnel of the Department of Family and Protective Services;

1-35 (3) coordinate with local entities that provide
1-36 services to an individual with autism or another pervasive
1-37 developmental disorder; and

1-38 (4) provide support for families affected by autism
1-39 and other pervasive developmental disorders.

1-40 (c) The commission shall ensure that training and
1-41 development activities under this section are:

1-42 (1) evidenced-based;

1-43 (2) applicable to the professional role of each type
1-44 of personnel to be trained under Subsection (b)(2); and

1-45 (3) instructive regarding means of effectively
1-46 communicating and engaging with individuals with limited social or
1-47 verbal abilities.

1-48 (d) At least once every five years, in consultation with an
1-49 institution of higher education, the commission shall revise the
1-50 materials and methods for the training and development activities
1-51 to be provided under Subsection (b)(2).

1-52 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2024, the executive
1-53 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall
1-54 revise the materials and methods for the training and development
1-55 activities to be provided under Section [114.013](#)(b)(2), Human
1-56 Resources Code, as amended by this Act.

1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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