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H.B. No. 1496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a notice requirement regarding possible acts of school violence.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.296 to read as follows:

Art. 2.296. NOTICE REGARDING POSSIBLE SCHOOL VIOLENCE. (a)

In this article, "school violence" means any offense:

(1) involving violence that may result in death or serious bodily injury to any person; and

(2) that occurs at a primary or secondary school.

(b) A law enforcement officer who receives a report or finds evidence that suggests a person may be contemplating committing an act of school violence at a public school in this state shall, as soon as practicable, deliver written notice of the threat to the superintendent of the affected school or a person designated by the superintendent.

(c) The superintendent or person designated by the superintendent shall, on receiving notice under this article, notify appropriate instructional and support personnel. All personnel shall keep the information received under this article confidential.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.