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H.B. No. 2653

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public school policies and procedures for the establishment of threat assessment teams.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.1091 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.1091. THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall adopt policies and procedures in accordance with the guidelines developed by the Texas School Safety Center, and in coordination with the agency, for the establishment of threat assessment teams. The policies and procedures must establish at least one threat assessment team and:

(1) the membership and composition of each threat assessment team;

(2) the training requirements for a member of a threat assessment team, including training provided by the Texas School Safety Center in threat assessment protocols;

(3) guidance for students, faculty, and staff in identifying and reporting any threatening or aberrant behavior that may pose a threat to the community, school, or individual; and

(4) the process for threat assessment, management, investigation, and response.

(b) A threat assessment team identifying a student at risk of suicide shall act in accordance with the district's or school's

1 suicide prevention program.

2 (c) Each threat assessment team established under
3 Subsection (a) shall annually report to the Texas School Safety
4 Center the policies and procedures adopted by the team.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.