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H.B. No. 119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an educational program on sex trafficking awareness and prevention for certain public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0171 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0171. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON SEX TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION. (a) Each school district shall provide an educational program to students in grade six relating to the awareness and prevention of sex trafficking. The program must include:

(1) information on the different forms of sex trafficking and the risk factors for sex trafficking; and

(2) the procedures for reporting sex trafficking or suspected sex trafficking.

(b) Before the beginning of each school year, a school district shall provide written notice to the parent of each student enrolled in grade six in the district that includes the following:

(1) a statement that the district will provide an educational program relating to sex trafficking awareness and prevention of sex trafficking to students enrolled in grade six in the district;

(2) a description of the material that will be used during the program; and

1 (3) a statement that the parent has the right to review
2 the material and remove the parent's student from the program.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2022-2023
4 school year.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
10 legislative session.