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H.B. No. 297

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to inservice training on prevention of abuse, neglect, and
3 illegal, unprofessional, and unethical conduct provided by certain
4 health care facilities.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 161.133(a), Health and Safety Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The executive commissioner by rule shall require each
9 inpatient mental health facility, treatment facility, or hospital
10 that provides comprehensive medical rehabilitation services to
11 annually provide as a condition of continued licensure a minimum of
12 eight hours of initial inservice training for new employees and
13 four hours of continuing inservice training for continuing
14 employees that is designed to assist employees and health care
15 professionals associated with the facility in identifying patient
16 abuse or neglect and illegal, unprofessional, or unethical conduct
17 by or in the facility.

18 SECTION 2. Section 161.133(a), Health and Safety Code, as
19 amended by this Act, applies to the minimum number of inservice
20 training hours provided as a condition of initial or continued
21 licensure by certain health care facilities subject to that section
22 on and after the effective date of this Act. The minimum number of
23 inservice training hours provided before the effective date of this
24 Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the

1 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.