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H.B. No. 3300

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain school district staff development requirements  
3 and including certain information regarding substance abuse and  
4 suicidal tendencies in the essential knowledge and skills of the  
5 public school health curriculum.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 21.451(d-1), Education Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (d-1) The training required by Subsection (d)(3):

10 (1) must:

11 (A) be provided:

12 (i) on an annual basis, as part of a new  
13 employee orientation, to all new school district and  
14 open-enrollment charter school educators; and

15 (ii) to existing school district and  
16 open-enrollment charter school educators on a biennial basis  
17 [~~schedule adopted by the agency by rule~~]; and

18 (B) use a best practice-based program  
19 recommended by the Health and Human Services Commission in  
20 coordination with the agency under Section 38.351; and

21 (2) may include two or more listed topics together.

22 SECTION 2. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by  
23 amending Subsection (r) and adding Subsection (r-1) to read as  
24 follows:

1 (r) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the  
2 health curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(B), the State Board of  
3 Education shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that address:

4 (1) the science, risk factors, causes, dangers,  
5 consequences, signs, symptoms, and treatment of substance abuse,  
6 including:

7 (A) the use of illegal drugs;

8 (B) [~~r~~] abuse of prescription drugs;

9 (C) [~~r~~] abuse of alcohol such as by binge  
10 drinking or other excessive drinking resulting in alcohol  
11 poisoning;

12 (D) [~~r~~] inhaling solvents; [~~r~~] and

13 (E) other forms of substance abuse;

14 (2) the relationship between drug and alcohol use and  
15 suicide;

16 (3) recognizing signs of suicidal tendencies and other  
17 warning signs of suicide; and

18 (4) help-seeking behaviors and available community  
19 suicide prevention services.

20 (r-1) The agency shall compile a list of evidence-based  
21 substance abuse awareness programs from which a school district  
22 shall choose a program to use in the district's middle school,  
23 junior high school, and high school health curriculum. In this  
24 subsection, "evidence-based substance abuse awareness program"  
25 means a program, practice, or strategy that has been proven to  
26 effectively prevent substance abuse among students, as determined  
27 by evaluations that are evidence-based.

1           SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
2 school year.

3           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.