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H.B. No. 4257

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the trauma-informed care policy for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.036(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A policy required by this section must address:

(1) using resources developed by the agency, methods for:

(A) increasing staff and parent awareness of trauma-informed care; and

(B) implementation of trauma-informed practices and care by district and campus staff; ~~and~~

(2) available counseling options for students affected by trauma or grief; and

(3) the district's plan for providing support to students, teachers, and district staff in the event of a crisis, including through methods such as mental health first aid and referrals to community providers for mental health services.

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.