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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a fentanyl awareness program in public schools.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter G, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.354 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.354.  FENTANYL AWARENESS PROGRAM. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall adopt a fentanyl awareness program to educate students, parents, and school personnel regarding the dangers posed by the use of the drug fentanyl. The district or school shall incorporate the applicable components of the program adopted under this section:

(1)  for students enrolled in elementary school, as part of the district's or school's physical education curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C) or through a program provided by a school nurse; and

(2)  for students enrolled in middle school, junior high school, or high school, as part of the district's or school's health curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(2)(B).

(b)  The agency shall assist in the development of programs under this section by providing information and a list of available resources relating to the establishment of a fentanyl awareness program by a school district or open-enrollment charter school.

SECTION 2.  Notwithstanding the effective date of this Act, a school district or open-enrollment charter school is not required to adopt a fentanyl awareness program under Section 38.354, Education Code, as added by this Act, before August 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.