

By: Moody

H.B. No. 906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of information regarding mental health and suicide prevention services to entering students at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.9194, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) An institution of higher education [~~A general academic teaching institution~~] shall provide to each entering [~~full-time~~] undergraduate, graduate, or professional student, including each [~~full-time~~] undergraduate, graduate, or professional student who transfers to the institution, information about:

(1) available mental health and suicide prevention services offered by the institution or by any associated organizations or programs; and

(2) early warning signs that are often present in and appropriate intervention for a person who may be considering suicide.

(a-1) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

SECTION 2. Section 51.9194, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.