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S.B. No. 1720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the confidentiality of the identity of a public school
3 employee who reports a potential threat to the school's threat
4 assessment and safe and supportive school team.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.115(c), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) The board of trustees of each school district shall
9 establish a threat assessment and safe and supportive school team
10 to serve at each campus of the district and shall adopt policies and
11 procedures for the teams. The team is responsible for developing
12 and implementing the safe and supportive school program under
13 Subsection (b) at the district campus served by the team. The
14 policies and procedures adopted under this section must:

15 (1) be consistent with the model policies and
16 procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center;

17 (2) require each team to complete training provided by
18 the Texas School Safety Center or a regional education service
19 center regarding evidence-based threat assessment programs; ~~and~~

20 (3) require each team established under this section
21 to report the information required under Subsection (k) regarding
22 the team's activities to the agency; and

23 (4) provide for:

24 (A) a district employee who reports a potential

1 threat to a team to elect for the employee's identity to be
2 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
3 Government Code, except as necessary for the team, the district, or
4 law enforcement to investigate the potential threat; and

5 (B) the district to maintain a record of the
6 identity of a district employee who elects for the employee's
7 identity to be confidential under Paragraph (A).

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.