By:  Guerra, et al. H.B. No. 3062

     (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini, et al.)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2025; May 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16; May 22, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 22, 2025, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton                      X

Campbell             X

Bettencourt          X

Hagenbuch            X

Hinojosa of Nueces   X

King                 X

Menéndez             X

Middleton            X

Parker               X

Paxton               X

West                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness education for students enrolled in public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9363 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9363.  FENTANYL PREVENTION AND DRUG POISONING AWARENESS EDUCATION. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" and "private or independent institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(b)  Each institution of higher education shall provide research-based instruction related to fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness to entering undergraduate students as soon as practicable during the students' first semester or term at the institution.

(c)  The instruction required by this section must include:

(1)  suicide prevention;

(2)  prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl;

(3)  awareness of local institution and community resources and any processes involved in accessing those resources; and

(4)  health education that includes information about substance use and abuse, including young adult substance use and abuse.

(d)  The instruction required by this section may be provided online and by an entity or an employee or agent of an entity that is:

(1)  an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education;

(2)  a library;

(3)  a community service organization;

(4)  a religious organization;

(5)  a local public health agency; or

(6)  an organization employing mental health professionals.

SECTION 2.  Section 51.9363, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with undergraduate students who initially enroll in a public institution of higher education for the 2026 fall semester.

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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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