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S.B. No. 626

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to inservice training on identifying abuse, neglect, and illegal, unprofessional, and unethical conduct in certain health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.133(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The executive commissioner by rule shall require each inpatient mental health facility, treatment facility, or hospital that provides comprehensive medical rehabilitation services to annually provide as a condition of continued licensure a minimum of eight hours of initial inservice training for new employees and three hours of continuing inservice training for continuing employees that is designed to assist employees and health care professionals associated with the facility in identifying patient abuse or neglect and illegal, unprofessional, or unethical conduct by or in the facility.

SECTION 2. Section 161.133(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, applies to the minimum number of inservice training hours provided as a condition of licensure by health care facilities subject to that section on and after the effective date of this Act. The minimum number of inservice training hours provided before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and

1 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.