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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.