

By: West

S.B. No. 939

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the members of a school district's local school health advisory council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.004, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-3) and (d-4) to read as follows:

(d) The board of trustees shall appoint at least five members to the local school health advisory council. The board of trustees:

(1) shall ensure that:

(A) a [A] majority of the members are [must be] persons who are parents of students enrolled in the district and who are not employed by the district;

(B) a member described by Paragraph (A) serves [One of those members shall serve] as chair or co-chair of the council; and

(C) subject to Subsection (d-4), at least one member is a district high school student who has applied for the position; and

(2) [The board of trustees also] may appoint one or more members to the council [persons] from each of the following groups or a representative from a group other than a group specified under this subsection:

1           (A) [~~(1)~~] classroom teachers employed by the  
2 district;

3           (B) [~~(2)~~] school counselors certified under  
4 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, employed by the district;

5           (C) [~~(3)~~] school administrators employed by the  
6 district;

7           (D) [~~(4)~~ ~~district students~~;  
8           ~~(5)~~] health care professionals licensed or certified  
9 to practice in this state, including medical or mental health  
10 professionals;

11           (E) [~~(6)~~] the business community;

12           (F) [~~(7)~~] law enforcement;

13           (G) [~~(8)~~] senior citizens;

14           (H) [~~(9)~~] the clergy;

15           (I) [~~(10)~~] nonprofit health organizations; and

16           (J) [~~(11)~~] local domestic violence programs.

17           (d-3) Before appointing a district high school student to  
18 serve on the local school health advisory council under Subsection  
19 (d)(1)(C), the board of trustees shall take reasonable steps to  
20 notify district high school students of the opportunity to serve on  
21 the council and of how to apply for the position, including by  
22 posting signs on district campuses in the cafeterias and other  
23 common areas frequently used by students.

24           (d-4) The board of trustees shall accept applications for  
25 the position for a district high school student on the local school  
26 health advisory council under Subsection (d)(1)(C) for as long as  
27 the position is vacant and appoint a member to the position as soon

1 as practicable.

2 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
3 school year.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.