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S.B. No. 2242

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to school district policies on dating violence.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.252(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each school district shall have a district improvement plan that is developed, evaluated, and revised annually, in accordance with district policy, by the superintendent with the assistance of the district-level committee established under Section 11.251. The purpose of the district improvement plan is to guide district and campus staff in the improvement of student performance for all student groups in order to attain state standards in respect to the achievement indicators adopted under Section 39.053(c). The district improvement plan must include provisions for:

(1) a comprehensive needs assessment addressing district student performance on the achievement indicators, and other appropriate measures of performance, that are disaggregated by all student groups served by the district, including categories of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sex, and populations served by special programs, including students in special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29;

(2) measurable district performance objectives for all appropriate achievement indicators for all student

1 populations, including students in special education programs
2 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, and other measures of student
3 performance that may be identified through the comprehensive needs
4 assessment;

5 (3) strategies for improvement of student performance
6 that include:

7 (A) instructional methods for addressing the
8 needs of student groups not achieving their full potential;

9 (B) evidence-based practices that address the
10 needs of students for special programs, including:

11 (i) suicide prevention programs, in
12 accordance with Subchapter G, Chapter 38, which include a parental
13 or guardian notification procedure;

14 (ii) conflict resolution programs;

15 (iii) violence prevention programs; and

16 (iv) dyslexia treatment programs;

17 (C) dropout reduction;

18 (D) integration of technology in instructional
19 and administrative programs;

20 (E) positive behavior interventions and support,
21 including interventions and support that integrate best practices
22 on grief-informed and trauma-informed care;

23 (F) staff development for professional staff of
24 the district;

25 (G) career education to assist students in
26 developing the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for a
27 broad range of career opportunities;

(H) accelerated education; and

(I) implementation of a comprehensive school counseling program under Section 33.005;

(4) strategies for providing to elementary school, middle school, junior high school, and high school students, those students' teachers and school counselors, and those students' parents information about:

(A) higher education admissions and financial aid opportunities, including state financial aid opportunities such as the TEXAS grant program and the Teach for Texas grant program established under Chapter 56;

(B) the need for students to make informed curriculum choices to be prepared for success beyond high school; and

(C) sources of information on higher education admissions and financial aid;

(5) resources needed to implement identified strategies;

(6) staff responsible for ensuring the accomplishment of each strategy;

(7) timelines for ongoing monitoring of the implementation of each improvement strategy;

(8) formative evaluation criteria for determining periodically whether strategies are resulting in intended improvement of student performance;

(9) the policy under Section 38.0041 addressing sexual abuse and other maltreatment of children; ~~and~~

(10) the trauma-informed care policy required under Section 38.036; and

(11) the policy on dating violence required under Section 37.0831.

SECTION 2. Section 37.0831(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A dating violence policy must:

(1) include:

(A) a definition of dating violence that includes the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a dating relationship, as defined by Section 71.0021, Family Code;

(B) a clear statement that dating violence is not tolerated at school; ~~and~~

(C) ~~[reporting]~~ procedures, protocols, and guidelines for reporting and responding to incidents ~~[students who are victims]~~ of dating violence that are focused on victim safety, including:

(i) a procedure for [immediately] notifying the parent or guardian of a student about a report received by the district identifying the student as an alleged victim or perpetrator of dating violence as soon as reasonably possible, subject to Subparagraph (ii); and

(ii) a requirement that a school district notify the parent or guardian of a student identified as an alleged victim of dating violence before the district notifies the parent

1 or guardian of a student identified as an alleged perpetrator of
2 dating violence; and

3 (D) interim measures to protect and support
4 victims of dating violence during the pendency of the school's
5 disciplinary process, including protection from retaliation, and
6 any other accommodations available to those victims at the school;
7 and

8 (2) address safety planning, enforcement of
9 protective orders, school-based alternatives to protective orders,
10 training for teachers and administrators at each district campus
11 that instructs students in grade six or higher, counseling for
12 affected students, and awareness education for students and
13 parents.

14 SECTION 3. Each school district shall implement a policy on
15 dating violence, as required by Section [37.0831](#), Education Code, as
16 amended by this Act, not later than the beginning of the 2025-2026
17 school year.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.