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S.B. No. 86

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to public school policies designed to prevent dating
3 violence.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 37.0831 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 37.0831. DATING VIOLENCE POLICIES. (a) Each school
8 district shall adopt and implement a dating violence policy to be
9 included in the district improvement plan under Section 11.252.

10 (b) A dating violence policy must:

11 (1) include a definition of dating violence that
12 includes the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or
13 emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or
14 control another person in a continuing relationship of a romantic
15 or intimate nature; and

16 (2) address safety planning, enforcement of
17 protective orders, school-based alternatives to protective orders,
18 training for teachers and administrators, counseling for affected
19 students, and awareness education for students and parents.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.