

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 dating relationship, as defined by  
15 Section 71.0021, Family Code; 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.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Coady

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 121 was passed by the House on March 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 21, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 121 on May 7, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 121 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patrycja Jaworski  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 18 MAY 07

Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
5:00 PM O'CLOCK

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