

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 4056
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Human Services
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties have expressed a need for more options regarding certain recommended best practice-based programs for use by public school personnel pertaining to mental health, substance abuse, and suicide. H.B. 4056 seeks to address this issue by providing for use by public school personnel certain research-based practices in physical or emotional trauma intervention, social and emotional learning, positive school climate, and positive behavior supports.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 4056 amends the Health and Safety Code to include research-based practices in physical or emotional trauma intervention, social and emotional learning, positive school climate, and positive behavior supports as another component of the list of recommended best practice-based programs regarding mental health, substance abuse, and suicide the Department of State Health Services, in coordination with the Texas Education Agency and regional education service centers, is required to provide and annually update for implementation in public elementary, junior high, middle, and high schools within the general education setting. The bill authorizes each public school district to select from the list a practice or practices appropriate for implementation in the district.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.