

CHAPTER 706

H.B. No. 986

An Act relating to training educators to recognize and respond to signs of abuse or neglect in students.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 13.032, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

*(i) As a condition of obtaining or maintaining board accreditation for its teacher education program, an institution must include as part of its teacher education program training on recognizing and responding to signs of abuse or neglect in students.*

**SECTION 2.** Section 16.052, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

*(d) As part of inservice training and preparation, all certified professional educators must be instructed in recognizing and responding to signs of abuse or neglect in students.*

**SECTION 3.** (a) Section 13.032(i), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies to teacher education program accreditation for the fall semester, 1986.

(b) Section 16.052(d), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies to teacher inservice training and preparation for the 1985-1986 school year, and thereafter.

**SECTION 4.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 21, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985