



Texas Legislation - School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs)

1995, 74th Legislative Session

Senate Bill 1

Amended Chapter 28 of the Texas Education Code (TEC) by adding 28.004 Human Sexuality Instruction

Established local health education advisory councils.

2001, 77th Legislative Session

Senate Bill 19

Amended the heading of 28.004 of the TEC to read, "Local School Health Education Advisory Council and Health Education Instruction."

Requires a school district to consider the recommendations of the local school health education advisory council before changing the district's health education curriculum/instruction.

Set forth recommendations which are included in the duties of the local school health education advisory council.

Requires local board of trustees to appoint members to the local school health education advisory council. Also, allows local board to appoint one or more persons from certain groups, including teachers and law enforcement.

Requires a majority of the members to be parents of students enrolled in the district .

2003, 78th Legislative Session

Senate Bill 1357

Amended the heading of 28.004 of the TEC to read, "Local School Health Advisory Council and Health Education Instruction."

Established local school health advisory council (SHAC) in lieu of local health education advisory council.

Requires that a school district make certain information available for public inspection.

**2005, 79th
Regular
Legislative
Session**

Senate Bill 42

Amended 28.004 (k) of the TEC, to require a school district to publish in the student handbook and post on the district's Internet website, rather than make available for public inspection, a statement of the policies adopted to ensure that elementary, middle, and junior high school students engage in a specified amount per school week of physical activity and a statement of the number of times during the preceding year the district's SHAC has met.

Amended Subchapter D, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, by adding 1001.0711. This section required the establishment of the state-level SHAC at the Department of State Health Services.

**2007, 80th
Regular
Legislative
Session**

Senate Bill 530

Amended 28.004 (k) of the TEC to require a school district to publish certain statements in the student handbook and on the district's Internet website, including a statement related to parental access to their child's physical fitness results.

Requires the local SHAC to consider and make recommendations to the district concerning the importance of daily recess for elementary school students.

**2009, 81st
Regular
Legislative
Session**

Senate Bill 283

Amended 28.004 of the TEC by establishing that five members of the SHAC will be appointed by the board of trustees.

Requires a parent member to serve as a chair or co-chair of the SHAC.

Requires SHACs to meet four times each year.

Requires the SHAC to submit an annual written report to the board of trustees.

**2011, 82nd
Regular
Legislative
Session**

Senate Bill 736

Amends 28.004 of the TEC to include local domestic violence programs among the groups from which a school district's board of trustees is authorized to appoint one or more persons to service on the district's local SHAC.

**2013, 83rd
Regular
Legislative
Session**

House Bill 1018

Amends 28.004 of the TEC to expand the duties of a school district's local SHAC to include recommending , for purposes of health education instruction , joint use agreements or strategies for collaboration between the district and community organizations/agencies, if feasible.

Requires each district's local SHAC to establish a physical activity and fitness planning subcommittee to consider issues relating to student physical activity and fitness and to make policy recommendations to increase physical activity and improve fitness among students.

Expands the district's local SHAC annual report to include (1) the recommendations made by the physical activity and fitness planning subcommittee and (2) any joint use agreement that a school district and community organization/agency enter into based on a recommendation of the local SHAC.

**2013, 83rd
Regular
Legislative
Session**

Senate Bill 460

Amends 28.004 of the TEC to expand the duties of each school district's local SHAC to include recommending grade level-appropriate policies, procedures, and strategies, as well as curriculum, designed to prevent cardiovascular diseases and Type 2 diabetes and expands the scope of such measures to include prevention of mental disorders.

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