

1-1 By: Lozano (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2929
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2023;
 1-3 April 26, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 12, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2929 By: Menéndez

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to continuing education and training requirements for
 1-26 classroom teachers and public school counselors.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 21.054(d), Education Code, as amended by
 1-29 Chapters 1045 (S.B. 1267) and 973 (S.B. 2066), Acts of the 87th
 1-30 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and amended to
 1-31 read as follows:

1-32 (d) Subject to Subsection (d-2), continuing [Continuing]
 1-33 education requirements for a classroom teacher may not require
 1-34 [must provide] that [not] more than 25 percent of the training
 1-35 required every five years include instruction regarding:

1-36 (1) collecting and analyzing information that will
 1-37 improve effectiveness in the classroom;

1-38 (2) recognizing early warning indicators that a
 1-39 student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

1-40 (3) digital learning, digital teaching, and
 1-41 integrating technology into classroom instruction;

1-42 (4) educating diverse student populations, including:

1-43 (A) students who are educationally
 1-44 disadvantaged; and

1-45 (B) students at risk of dropping out of school;
 1-46 and

1-47 (5) understanding appropriate relationships,
 1-48 boundaries, and communications between educators and students.

1-49 SECTION 2. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by
 1-50 adding Subsection (d-2) and amending Subsection (f) to read as
 1-51 follows:

1-52 (d-2) Training in a topic of instruction described by
 1-53 Subsection (d) attended by a classroom teacher in excess of an
 1-54 amount of hours equal to 25 percent of the training required of the
 1-55 teacher every five years shall be counted toward the teacher's
 1-56 overall training requirements.

1-57 (f) Continuing education requirements for a counselor must
 1-58 provide that at least [not more than] 25 percent of training
 1-59 required every five years include instruction regarding:

1-60 (1) assisting students in developing high school

2-1 graduation plans;
2-2 (2) implementing dropout prevention strategies;
2-3 (3) informing students concerning:
2-4 (A) college admissions, including college
2-5 financial aid resources and application procedures; and
2-6 (B) career opportunities;
2-7 (4) counseling students concerning mental health
2-8 conditions and substance abuse, including through the use of
2-9 grief-informed and trauma-informed interventions and crisis
2-10 management and suicide prevention strategies; and
2-11 (5) effective implementation of a comprehensive
2-12 school counseling program under Section 33.005.

2-13 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
2-14 school year.

2-15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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