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H.B. No. 1024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to staff development requirements in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 21.451(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

~~[(a)]~~ The staff development provided by a school district must be:

(1) conducted in accordance with ~~[minimum]~~ standards developed by the district; and

(2) designed to improve education in the district
~~[commissioner for program planning, preparation, and improvement.
The staff development.~~

~~[(1) must include training in:~~

~~[(A) technology,~~

~~[(B) conflict resolution, and~~

~~[(C) discipline strategies, including classroom management, district discipline policies, and the student code of conduct adopted under Section 37.001 and Chapter 37,~~

~~[(2) must include training that:~~

~~[(A) relates to instruction of students with disabilities, and~~

~~[(B) is designed for educators who work primarily outside of the area of special education, and~~

~~[(3) may include instruction as to what is permissible~~

1 ~~under law, including opinions of the United States Supreme Court,~~
2 ~~in regard to prayers in public school].~~

3 SECTION 2. Sections 21.451(b) and (c), Education Code, are
4 repealed.

5 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
6 school year.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.