

1-1 By: Crownover, Wong (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 1024
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 2, 2003;
1-3 April 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 2, 2003, reported favorably, as amended, by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 3; May 2, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Shapiro

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1-8 Amend H.B. No. 1024 as follows:

1-9 (1) In SECTION 1 of the bill (House engrossment, page 1,
1-10 line 34 and 35), strike "Sections 21.451(a) and (b), Education
1-11 Code, are amended" and substitute "Section 21.451, Education Code,
1-12 is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding
1-13 Subsection (d)".

1-14 (2) In SECTION 1 of the bill (House engrossment, page 2,
1-15 between lines 10 and 11), insert the following:

1-16 (d) The staff development may:

1-17 (1) include training in:

1-18 (A) technology;

1-19 (B) conflict resolution; and

1-20 (C) discipline strategies, including classroom
1-21 management, district discipline policies, and the student code of
1-22 conduct adopted under Section 37.001 and Chapter 37;

1-23 (2) include training that:

1-24 (A) relates to instruction of students with
1-25 disabilities; and

1-26 (B) is designed for educators who work primarily
1-27 outside the area of special education; and

1-28 (3) include instruction as to what is permissible
1-29 under law, including opinions of the United States Supreme Court,
1-30 regarding prayer in public school.

1-31 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-32 AN ACT

1-33 relating to staff development requirements in public schools.

1-34 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-35 SECTION 1. Sections 21.451(a) and (b), Education Code, are
1-36 amended to read as follows:

1-37 (a) The staff development provided by a school district must
1-38 be:

1-39 (1) conducted in accordance with [minimum] standards
1-40 developed by the district; and

1-41 (2) designed to improve education in the district
1-42 [commissioner for program planning, preparation, and improvement.
1-43 The staff development.

1-44 ~~[(1) must include training in:~~

1-45 ~~[(A) technology;~~

1-46 ~~[(B) conflict resolution; and~~

1-47 ~~[(C) discipline strategies, including classroom~~
1-48 ~~management, district discipline policies, and the student code of~~
1-49 ~~conduct adopted under Section 37.001 and Chapter 37;~~

1-50 ~~[(2) must include training that:~~

1-51 ~~[(A) relates to instruction of students with~~
1-52 ~~disabilities; and~~

1-53 ~~[(B) is designed for educators who work primarily~~
1-54 ~~outside of the area of special education; and~~

1-55 ~~[(3) may include instruction as to what is permissible~~
1-56 ~~under law, including opinions of the United States Supreme Court,~~
1-57 ~~in regard to prayers in public school].~~

1-58 (b) The staff development must be predominantly
1-59 campus-based, related to achieving campus performance objectives
1-60 established under Section 11.253, and developed and approved by the
1-61 campus-level committee established under Section 11.251. ~~[Campus~~
1-62 ~~staff development may include activities that enable the campus~~

2-1 ~~staff to plan together to enhance existing skills, to share~~
2-2 ~~effective strategies, to reflect on curricular and instructional~~
2-3 ~~issues, to analyze student achievement results, to reflect on means~~
2-4 ~~of increasing student achievement, to study research, to practice~~
2-5 ~~new methods, to identify students' strengths and needs, to develop~~
2-6 ~~meaningful programs for students, to appropriately implement~~
2-7 ~~site-based decision-making, and to conduct action research. The~~
2-8 ~~campus staff development activities may be conducted using study~~
2-9 ~~teams, individual research, peer coaching, workshops, seminars,~~
2-10 ~~conferences, or other reasonable methods that have the potential to~~
2-11 ~~improve student achievement.]~~

2-12 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
2-13 school year.

2-14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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