

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 3487

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3487:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to staff development requirements concerning the
3 instruction of students with disabilities in public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.451, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (g), (h), and (i) to read as follows:

7 (g) This subsection applies only to a teacher who provides
8 instruction to a student for whom an individualized education
9 program has been developed under Section 29.005. Except as
10 provided by Subsection (i), a teacher subject to this subsection,
11 at least every three years, must complete a minimum number of hours
12 of staff development, as determined by commissioner rule, relating
13 to the instruction of students with disabilities. The staff
14 development training must include information relating to:

15 (1) temperament and requirements of students with
16 disabilities;

17 (2) methods for providing individualized instruction
18 to and assessing students with disabilities; and

19 (3) behavioral management techniques.

20 (h) The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to
21 administer this section and create as a local option for school
22 districts a three-year implementation schedule. Except as provided
23 by Subsection (i), at least one-third of the teachers subject to
24 Subsection (g) in the district must participate each year during

1 the three-year implementation period or until all teachers subject
2 to Subsection (g) have fulfilled the initial staff development
3 requirement under Subsection (g). The rules adopted under this
4 subsection must emphasize the need to provide adequate staff
5 development training to enable teachers to implement
6 individualized education programs for students with disabilities
7 in an effective manner.

8 (i) A school district that employs a teacher subject to
9 Subsection (g) may allow the teacher to satisfy the requirements of
10 that subsection if the teacher participates in district-approved
11 professional development activities or training, other than staff
12 development training provided by the district, that satisfies the
13 requirements of Subsection (g).

14 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2008-2009
15 school year.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2008.