

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 3487

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) and (h) 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. At least every
10 three years, a teacher to whom this subsection applies is required
11 to complete a minimum number of hours of staff development, as
12 determined by commissioner rule, concerning the instruction of
13 students with disabilities. The staff development must include
14 training relating to:

15 (A) the natures and needs of students with
16 disabilities;

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

19 (C) behavioral management techniques;

20 (h) The commissioner shall adopt rules necessary to
21 administer this section and to create a local option three year
22 implementation schedule. At least one-third of teachers requiring
23 training must participate each year during the implementation
24 period or until all required teachers are initially trained. The

1 rules must emphasize the need to provide teachers with adequate
2 staff development to enable them to implement individualized
3 education programs for students with disabilities in an effective
4 manner.

5 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2008-2009
6 school year.

7 SECTION 3. 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, 2008.