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H.B. No. 2351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to participation by certain educational aides in a school district's mentoring program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.458, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a-1) Each school district may assign a mentor to each educational aide who has less than one year of classroom experience. A person assigned as a mentor under this subsection is not required to be a teacher and is not subject to the requirements prescribed by Subsections (a) and (b) that apply to a mentor teacher assigned to mentor a classroom teacher.

(c) From the funds appropriated to the agency for purposes of this section, the commissioner shall adopt rules and provide funding to school districts that assign mentors [~~mentor teachers~~] under this section. Funding provided to districts under this section may be used only for providing:

(1) mentor [~~teacher~~] stipends;

(2) scheduled time for mentors [~~mentor teachers~~] to provide mentoring to assigned classroom teachers and educational aides; and

(3) mentoring support through providers of mentor training.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
2 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.