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S.B. No. 325

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing training in personal financial literacy instruction for public school teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8.051(d), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Each regional education service center shall maintain core services for purchase by school districts and campuses. The core services are:

(1) training and assistance in:

(A) teaching each subject area assessed under Section 39.023; and

(B) providing instruction in personal financial literacy as required under Section 28.0021;

(2) training and assistance in providing each program that qualifies for a funding allotment under Section 42.151, 42.152, 42.153, or 42.156;

(3) assistance specifically designed for a school district rated academically unacceptable under Section 39.072(a) or a campus whose performance is considered unacceptable based on the indicators adopted under Section 39.051;

(4) training and assistance to teachers, administrators, members of district boards of trustees, and members of site-based decision-making committees;

1           (5) assistance specifically designed for a school  
2 district that is considered out of compliance with state or federal  
3 special education requirements, based on the agency's most recent  
4 compliance review of the district's special education programs; and

5           (6) assistance in complying with state laws and rules.

6           SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.9021 to read as follows:

8           Sec. 51.9021. TEACHER TRAINING IN PERSONAL FINANCIAL  
9 LITERACY. The governing board of each institution of higher  
10 education with an educator preparation program accredited by the  
11 State Board for Educator Certification shall, to the extent  
12 practicable, offer to school districts and public school campuses  
13 seminars or conferences to train and assist teachers in providing  
14 instruction in personal financial literacy as required under  
15 Section 28.0021. The governing board of the institution that  
16 provides the seminar or conference shall charge the district an  
17 amount equal to the cost to the institution of providing the seminar  
18 or conference.

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