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H.B. No. 642

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to continuing education requirements for certain
3 educators.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

7 (d) Continuing education requirements for a classroom
8 teacher must provide that 25 percent of the training required every
9 five years include instruction regarding:

10 (1) collecting and analyzing information that will
11 improve effectiveness in the classroom;

12 (2) recognizing early warning indicators that a
13 student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

14 (3) integrating technology into classroom
15 instruction;

16 (4) educating diverse student populations, including:

17 (A) students with disabilities;

18 (B) students who are educationally
19 disadvantaged;

20 (C) students of limited English proficiency; and

21 (D) students at risk of dropping out of school;

22 and

23 (5) increasing knowledge of the subject area taught by
24 the educator.

1 (e) Continuing education requirements for a principal must
2 provide that 25 percent of the training required every five years
3 include instruction regarding:

4 (1) effective and efficient management, including:
5 (A) collecting and analyzing information;
6 (B) making decisions and managing time; and
7 (C) supervising student discipline and managing
8 behavior;

9 (2) recognizing early warning indicators that a
10 student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

11 (3) integrating technology into campus curriculum and
12 instruction;

13 (4) educating diverse student populations, including:
14 (A) students with disabilities;
15 (B) students who are educationally
16 disadvantaged;
17 (C) students of limited English proficiency; and
18 (D) students at risk of dropping out of school;

19 and

20 (5) providing instructional leadership, including:
21 (A) providing teacher support;
22 (B) maintaining community involvement;
23 (C) building professional learning communities;

24 and

25 (D) recruiting, coaching, remediating, and
26 retaining campus educators.

27 (f) Continuing education requirements for a counselor must

1 provide that 25 percent of training required every five years
2 include instruction regarding:

3 (1) assisting students in developing high school
4 graduation plans;

5 (2) implementing dropout prevention strategies; and

6 (3) informing students concerning:

7 (A) college admissions, including college
8 financial aid resources and application procedures; and

9 (B) career opportunities.

10 (g) Continuing education requirements for an educator each
11 year must be linked to any areas identified in the educator's
12 appraisal as needing improvement.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2014, the State Board
14 for Educator Certification shall propose rules implementing
15 Section 21.054, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

16 SECTION 3. An educator subject to continuing education
17 requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is
18 not required to comply with the continuing education requirements
19 described by Section 21.054(d), (e), or (f), Education Code, as
20 added by this Act, for any continuing education requirements period
21 that ends before January 1, 2017.

22 SECTION 4. An educator subject to continuing education
23 requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is
24 not required to comply with the continuing education requirements
25 described by Section 21.054(g), Education Code, as added by this
26 Act, for any continuing education requirements period that ends
27 before January 1, 2016.

1 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2014-2015
2 school year.

3 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.