

1 AN ACT

2 relating to professional development training for certain public
3 school personnel regarding student disciplinary procedures.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 37, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 37.0181 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 37.0181. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
8 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES. (a) Each principal or other appropriate
9 administrator who oversees student discipline shall, at least once
10 every three school years, attend professional development training
11 regarding this subchapter, including training relating to the
12 distinction between a discipline management technique used at the
13 principal's discretion under Section 37.002(a) and the
14 discretionary authority of a teacher to remove a disruptive student
15 under Section 37.002(b).

16 (b) Professional development training under this section
17 may be provided in coordination with regional education service
18 centers through the use of distance learning methods, such as
19 telecommunications networks, and using available agency resources.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1952 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 10, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1952 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor