

1-1 By: Deuell S.B. No. 460
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 8, 2013; February 13, 2013,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 18,
1-4 2013, referred to Committee on Higher Education; April 22, 2013,
1-5 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 22, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	<u>Seliger</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Watson</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Duncan</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Patrick</u>	X		
1-14	<u>West</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Zaffirini</u>	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 460 By: Birdwell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to inclusion of instruction in the detection and education
1-20 of students with mental or emotional disorders in the requirements
1-21 for educator training programs.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, is amended by
1-24 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

1-25 (c-1) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate
1-26 specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a
1-27 bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as
1-28 part of the training required to obtain that certificate,
1-29 instruction in detection of students with mental or emotional
1-30 disorders.

1-31 (c-2) The instruction under Subsection (c-1) must:

1-32 (1) be developed by a panel of experts in the diagnosis
1-33 and treatment of mental or emotional disorders who are appointed by
1-34 the board; and

1-35 (2) include information on:

1-36 (A) characteristics of the most prevalent mental
1-37 or emotional disorders among children;

1-38 (B) identification of mental or emotional
1-39 disorders;

1-40 (C) effective strategies for teaching and
1-41 intervening with students with mental or emotional disorders,
1-42 including de-escalation techniques and positive behavioral
1-43 interventions and supports; and

1-44 (D) providing, in compliance with Section
1-45 38.010, notice and referral to a parent or guardian of a student
1-46 with a mental or emotional disorder so that the parent or guardian
1-47 may take appropriate action such as seeking mental health services.

1-48 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-52 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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