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H.B. No. 2218

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse,
3 and youth suicide in educator training programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.044(c-1), Education Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (c-1) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate
8 specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a
9 bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as
10 part of the training required to obtain that certificate,
11 instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth
12 suicide. The instruction required must be provided through a
13 program selected from the list of recommended best practice-based
14 programs established under Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code
15 ~~[in detection of students with mental or emotional disorders].~~

16 SECTION 2. Section 21.044(c-2), Education Code, is
17 repealed.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.