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S.B. No. 674

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
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:

13 (1) be provided through a program selected from the
14 list of recommended best practice-based programs established under
15 Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code; and

16 (2) include effective strategies for teaching and
17 intervening with students with mental or emotional disorders,
18 including de-escalation techniques and positive behavioral
19 interventions and supports [~~in detection of students with mental or~~
20 ~~emotional disorders~~].

21 SECTION 2. Section 21.044(c-2), Education Code, is
22 repealed.

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