

AN ACT

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

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

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

(c-1) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as part of the training required to obtain that certificate, instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide. The instruction required must:

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

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

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 Section 21.044(c-2), Education Code, is repealed.

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

S.B. No. 674

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 674 passed the Senate on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 674 passed the House on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor