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S.B. No. 1632

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing a training course for public school  
prekindergarten teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 21, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 21.464 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.464. PREKINDERGARTEN TEACHER TRAINING COURSE. (a)  
The commissioner shall develop a prekindergarten teacher training  
course to be offered to prekindergarten teachers employed by a  
school district or open-enrollment charter school.

(b) A course provided under this section shall provide  
instruction in the development and operation of effective  
prekindergarten classes, including training in:

(1) the prekindergarten guidelines established by the  
agency;

(2) effective and systematic instructional techniques  
for teaching prekindergarten students using the prekindergarten  
guidelines; and

(3) designing and implementing a comprehensive  
curriculum in the classroom.

(c) The commissioner shall contract with each regional  
education service center to provide the prekindergarten teacher  
training course developed under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.