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SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Jason Flatt Act in memory of Jonathan Childers.

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION 2. Section 161.325(c-2), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (c-2) If a school district provides [the] training under Subsection (c-1), the training must specifically address the prevention of youth suicide, and[:
- [(1)] a school district employee described under that subsection must participate in the training at least <u>once</u> annually [one time; and
- [(2) the school district shall maintain records that include the name of each district employee who participated in the training].

No equivalent provision. (But see Sec. 161.352(c-2), Health and Safety Code, above.)

No equivalent provision. (But see Sec. 21.451(d)(3), Education Code, below.)

SECTION 2. Section 21.451, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to read as follows:

- (d) The staff development:
- (1) may include training in:
- (A) technology;
- (B) conflict resolution;
- (C) discipline strategies, including classroom management, district discipline policies, and the student code of conduct adopted under Section 37.001 and Chapter 37; and
- (D) preventing, identifying, responding to, and reporting incidents of bullying; [and]
- (2) subject to Subsection (e) and to Section 21.3541 and rules adopted under that section, must include training based on scientifically based research, as defined by Section 9101, No

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Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Section 7801), that:

- (A) relates to instruction of students with disabilities; and
- (B) is designed for educators who work primarily outside the area of special education; and
- (3) must include suicide prevention training that must be provided:
- (A) on an annual basis, as part of a new employee orientation, to all new school district and open-enrollment charter school educators; and
- (B) to existing school district and open-enrollment charter school educators on a schedule adopted by the agency by rule.
- (d-1) The suicide prevention training required by Subsection (d)(3) must use a best practice-based program recommended by the Department of State Health Services in coordination with the agency under Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code.
- (d-2) The suicide prevention training required by Subsection (d)(3) may be satisfied through independent review of suicide prevention training material that:
- (1) complies with the guidelines developed by the agency; and

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(2) is offered online.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate

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effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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