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H.B. No. 460

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for certain educators.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 21.054(d), (e), and (f), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) Continuing education requirements for a classroom teacher must provide that not more than 25 percent of the training required every five years include instruction regarding:

(1) collecting and analyzing information that will improve effectiveness in the classroom;

(2) recognizing early warning indicators that a student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

(3) integrating technology into classroom instruction; ~~and~~

(4) educating diverse student populations, including:

(A) students with disabilities, including mental health disorders;

(B) students who are educationally disadvantaged;

(C) students of limited English proficiency; and

(D) students at risk of dropping out of school;

and

(5) appropriate relationships, boundaries, and

communication between teachers and students.

(e) Continuing education requirements for a principal must provide that not more than 25 percent of the training required every five years include instruction regarding:

(1) effective and efficient management, including:

(A) collecting and analyzing information;

(B) making decisions and managing time; and

(C) supervising student discipline and managing behavior;

(2) recognizing early warning indicators that a student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

(3) integrating technology into campus curriculum and instruction; ~~and~~

(4) educating diverse student populations, including:

(A) students with disabilities, including mental health disorders;

(B) students who are educationally disadvantaged;

(C) students of limited English proficiency; and

(D) students at risk of dropping out of school;

and

(5) recognizing, preventing, and reporting inappropriate relationships between teachers or counselors and students.

(f) Continuing education requirements for a counselor must provide that not more than 25 percent of training required every five years include instruction regarding:

- 1 (1) assisting students in developing high school
2 graduation plans;
3 (2) implementing dropout prevention strategies; ~~and~~
4 (3) informing students concerning:
5 (A) college admissions, including college
6 financial aid resources and application procedures; and
7 (B) career opportunities; and
8 (4) appropriate relationships, boundaries, and
9 communication between counselors and students.

10 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
11 of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall
12 propose rules implementing Section 21.054, Education Code, as
13 amended by this Act.

14 SECTION 3. An educator subject to continuing education
15 requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is
16 not required to comply with the continuing education requirements
17 described by Section 21.054(d), (e), or (f), Education Code, as
18 amended by this Act, for any continuing education requirements
19 period that ends before January 1, 2018.

20 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
21 school year.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.