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S.B. No. 1316

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to staff development in suicide prevention for public school educators.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 21.451(d), (d-1), and (d-2), Education Code, are amended 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;

(2) subject to Subsection (e) and to Section 21.3541 and rules adopted under that section, must include training that is evidence-based [~~based on scientifically based research~~], as defined by Section 8002(6), Every Student Succeeds Act [~~9101, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001~~] (20 U.S.C. Section 7801), and 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

1 (3) may [~~must~~] include suicide prevention training
2 that may [~~must~~] be provided:

3 (A) on an annual basis, as part of a new employee
4 orientation, to all new school district and open-enrollment charter
5 school educators; and

6 (B) to existing school district and
7 open-enrollment charter school educators on a schedule adopted by
8 the agency by rule.

9 (d-1) The suicide prevention training under [~~required by~~]
10 Subsection (d)(3) may [~~must~~] use a best practice-based program
11 recommended by the Department of State Health Services in
12 coordination with the agency under Section [161.325](#), Health and
13 Safety Code.

14 (d-2) The suicide prevention training under [~~required by~~]
15 Subsection (d)(3) may be provided [~~satisfied~~] through independent
16 review of suicide prevention training material that:

17 (1) complies with the guidelines developed by the
18 agency; and

19 (2) is offered online.

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. 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.