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By:  Allen H.B. No. 3132

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to staff development requirements for public school teachers who provide reading instruction to students in kindergarten through grade three.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 21.451, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i)  The staff development for a classroom teacher who provides reading instruction to students at the kindergarten or first, second, or third grade level must include training in:

(1)  effective and systematic instructional practices in reading, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension; and

(2)  the use of empirically validated instructional methods that are appropriate for assisting struggling readers.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3.  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 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.