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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to staff development requirements for public educators regarding suicide prevention training.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 21.451(d), Education Code, is 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;

(D)  preventing, identifying, responding to, and reporting incidents of bullying; and

(E)  digital learning;

(2)  subject to Subsection (e) and to Section 21.3541 and rules adopted under that section, must include training that is evidence-based, as defined by Section 8101, Every Student Succeeds Act (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 that requires an educator to be trained at least once every two years.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.