By:  Powell S.B. No. 1016

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                          X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                 X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1016 By:  Powell

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an audit by the Texas Education Agency of public school professional development training requirements.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 21.4513(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  Using only available funds and resources from public or private sources, the agency shall [~~periodically~~] conduct an audit at least once every four years of the professional development requirements applicable to educators in this state and any other continuing education and training requirements, including state and federal requirements and requirements imposed by school districts.

(b)  Based on audit results, the agency, with input from stakeholders and organizations that represent educators, shall consider the value of maintaining existing state-mandated training requirements relating to specific topics and seek to eliminate any unnecessary topic-specific training requirements, eliminate any conflicting requirements, and consolidate any duplicative requirements through the following methods, as appropriate:

(1)  taking administrative action;

(2)  encouraging school districts to make appropriate changes to district policies; or

(3)  recommending statutory changes to the legislature.

SECTION 2.  Not later than December 31, 2020, the Texas Education Agency shall complete an audit of professional development training requirements as required by Section 21.4513, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

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

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