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H.B. No. 2145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to continuing education requirements for public educators
3 regarding suicide prevention training.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.451(d), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (d) The staff development:

8 (1) may include training in:

9 (A) technology;

10 (B) conflict resolution;

11 (C) discipline strategies, including classroom
12 management, district discipline policies, and the student code of
13 conduct adopted under Section 37.001 and Chapter 37;

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

16 (E) digital learning;

17 (2) subject to Subsection (e) and to Section 21.3541
18 and rules adopted under that section, must include training that is
19 evidence-based, as defined by Section 8101, Every Student Succeeds
20 Act (20 U.S.C. Section 7801), that:

21 (A) relates to instruction of students with
22 disabilities; and

23 (B) is designed for educators who work primarily
24 outside the area of special education; and

1 (3) must include suicide prevention training that must
2 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 that requires an educator to be trained at least
9 once every five years.

10 SECTION 2. An educator subject to continuing education
11 requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is
12 not required to comply with the continuing education requirements
13 described by Section 21.451(d)(3)(B), Education Code, as amended by
14 this Act, for any continuing education requirement period that ends
15 before June 1, 2020.

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