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H.B. No. 3235

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

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 two years.

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