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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of instruction regarding project-based learning in continuing education requirements for a classroom teacher.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 21.054(d), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d)  Continuing education requirements for a classroom teacher must provide that at least 25 percent of the training required every five years include instruction regarding:

(1)  collecting and analyzing information that will improve effectiveness in the classroom;

(2)  recognizing early warning indicators that a student may be at risk of dropping out of school;

(3)  digital learning, digital teaching, and integrating technology into classroom instruction;

(4)  project-based learning;

(5)  educating diverse student populations, including:

(A)  students who are eligible to participate in special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29;

(B)  students who are eligible to receive educational services required under Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794);

(C)  students with mental health conditions or who engage in substance abuse;

(D)  students with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

(E)  students who are educationally disadvantaged;

(F)  students of limited English proficiency; and

(G)  students at risk of dropping out of school;

(6) [~~(5)~~]  understanding appropriate relationships, boundaries, and communications between educators and students; and

(7) [~~(6)~~]  how mental health conditions, including grief and trauma, affect student learning and behavior and how evidence-based, grief-informed, and trauma-informed strategies support the academic success of students affected by grief and trauma.

SECTION 2.  As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules implementing Section 21.054(d), Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  A classroom teacher subject to continuing education requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is not required to comply with the continuing education requirements described by Section 21.054(d), Education Code, as amended by this Act, for any continuing education requirements period that ends before January 1, 2022.

SECTION 4.  This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

SECTION 5.  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, 2021.