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H.B. No. 1305

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (4) project-based learning;

18 (5) educating diverse student populations, including:

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

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

24 (C) students with mental health conditions or who

1 engage in substance abuse;

2 (D) students with intellectual or developmental
3 disabilities;

4 (E) students who are educationally
5 disadvantaged;

6 (F) students of limited English proficiency; and

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

8 (6) [~~(5)~~] understanding appropriate relationships,
9 boundaries, and communications between educators and students; and

10 (7) [~~(6)~~] how mental health conditions, including
11 grief and trauma, affect student learning and behavior and how
12 evidence-based, grief-informed, and trauma-informed strategies
13 support the academic success of students affected by grief and
14 trauma.

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

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

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

27 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.