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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the employment of a behavior specialist by regional education service centers.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 8, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 8.062 to read as follows:

Sec. 8.062.  BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST. (a) Each regional education service center shall employ as a behavior specialist a person licensed as a behavior analyst under Chapter 506, Occupations Code, to provide school districts served by the center with support and resources that are necessary to assist students and families of students.

(b)  A behavior specialist:

(1)  may provide support and resources that include:

(A)  teacher training;

(B)  classroom management and support;

(C)  accommodations to curriculum and instruction;

(D)  evidence-based education techniques;

(E)  behavioral strategies and tactics;

(F)  personalized systems of instruction;

(G)  programmatic instruction;

(H)  technology solutions; and

(I)  individualized education program support;

(2)  may not provide services described by Section 506.003(d), Occupations Code; and

(3)  may not conduct a required school evaluation or assessment of a student, including a functional behavioral assessment.

SECTION 2.  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, 2023.