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S.B. No. 1797

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;

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

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

6           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.