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S.B. No. 1683

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to staff development requirements for public school educators.

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 and digital learning; and

(B) positive behavior intervention and support strategies, including de-escalation techniques, classroom management, district discipline policies, and the student code of conduct adopted under Chapter 37;

(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), and that:

(A) relates to instruction of students with disabilities, including:

(i) students with autism; and

(ii) students with disabilities who also have other intellectual or mental health conditions; and

(B) is designed for educators who work primarily outside the area of special education; and

1 (3) must include training on:

2 (A) suicide prevention;

3 (B) strategies for establishing and maintaining
4 positive relationships among students, including conflict
5 resolution; and

6 (C) preventing, identifying, responding to, and
7 reporting incidents of bullying.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.