

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for certain educators.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) Continuing education requirements for a classroom teacher must provide that not more than 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) integrating technology into classroom instruction; and

(4) educating diverse student populations, including:

(A) students with disabilities, including mental health disorders;

(B) students who are educationally disadvantaged;

(C) students of limited English proficiency; and

(D) students at risk of dropping out of school.

(e) Continuing education requirements for a principal must provide that not more than 25 percent of the training required every

1 five years include instruction regarding:

2 (1) effective and efficient management, including:

3 (A) collecting and analyzing information;

4 (B) making decisions and managing time; and

5 (C) supervising student discipline and managing
6 behavior;

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

9 (3) integrating technology into campus curriculum and
10 instruction; and

11 (4) educating diverse student populations, including:

12 (A) students with disabilities, including mental
13 health disorders;

14 (B) students who are educationally
15 disadvantaged;

16 (C) students of limited English proficiency; and

17 (D) students at risk of dropping out of school.

18 (f) Continuing education requirements for a counselor must
19 provide that not more than 25 percent of training required every
20 five years include instruction regarding:

21 (1) assisting students in developing high school
22 graduation plans;

23 (2) implementing dropout prevention strategies; and

24 (3) informing students concerning:

25 (A) college admissions, including college
26 financial aid resources and application procedures; and

27 (B) career opportunities.

1 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2014, the State Board
2 for Educator Certification shall propose rules implementing
3 Section 21.054, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

4 SECTION 3. An educator subject to continuing education
5 requirements immediately before the effective date of this Act is
6 not required to comply with the continuing education requirements
7 described by Section 21.054(d), (e), or (f), Education Code, as
8 added by this Act, for any continuing education requirements period
9 that ends before January 1, 2017.

10 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2014-2015
11 school year.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 642 was passed by the House on May 1, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 642 on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 642 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor