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H.B. No. 3132

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to staff development requirements for public school  
3 teachers who provide reading instruction to students in  
4 kindergarten through grade three.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 21.451, Education Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

8 (i) The staff development for a classroom teacher who  
9 provides reading instruction to students at the kindergarten or  
10 first, second, or third grade level must include training in:

11 (1) effective and systematic instructional practices  
12 in reading, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency,  
13 vocabulary, and comprehension; and

14 (2) the use of empirically validated instructional  
15 methods that are appropriate for assisting struggling readers.

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
17 school year.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.