

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, staff development programs are required to include training in technology, conflict resolution and discipline strategies. However, staff development programs are not required to address state and local requirements regarding discipline policies and procedures, or instruction of students with disabilities in classrooms. This bill requires staff development programs in public schools to include training in technology, implement certain local policies, and relate strategies to instructing students with disabilities.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1270 requires staff development programs in public schools to include training in technology, implement certain local policies, and relate strategies to instructing students with disabilities.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 21.451(a), Education Code, to require staff development provided by a school district to include training in technology, the implementation of local policies relating to Chapter 37A, and strategies for instructing students with disabilities. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1997-1998 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.