

Background Information:

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1267 (SB 1267) during the 87th Regular Session, 2021. The legislation required the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to develop and publish a comprehensive clearinghouse of information regarding continuing education and training requirements on seven specific trainings prescribed in the Texas Education Code, by June 1, 2022. Informed by recommendations from the SBEC-approved Clearinghouse Advisory Group (CAG), the SBEC was required to publish a Clearinghouse that includes best practices and industry recommendations for the frequency for training of educators and other school personnel regarding the frequency of each of those seven topics. The legislation also requires the CAG to report any recommended changes on any of the topics to be reduced, eliminated, or consolidated with other existing continuing education or training to the legislature by December 1 of each even-numbered year.

Required Trainings and Impacts to School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools:

SB 1267 required seven training topics: suicide prevention; strategies for establishing and maintaining positive relationships among students, including conflict resolution; preventing, identifying, responding to, and reporting incidents of bullying; safety training program; increasing awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other maltreatment of children; increasing awareness and implementation of trauma-informed care; and administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

The board of trustees of a school district and the governing body of an open-enrollment charter school are, to the extent applicable, required to review the Clearinghouse and adopt a professional development policy that is guided by the Clearinghouse and note any differences in the policy adopted from the recommendations in the Clearinghouse.

Clearinghouse Advisory Group Key Findings:

The majority of the industry organizations recommended annual frequency for each topic. Although the CAG required the industry organizations' frequency recommendations to include research or supporting evidence for the recommended frequency, none of the submissions met those criteria. Due to that lack of research and evidence, the CAG recommended that the frequency for each topic be either, "Job embedded or as part of a professional learning community" or "Annually." The SBEC approved this recommendation.

Timeline and Action Steps

- **December 2021:** The SBEC approved the Clearinghouse Advisory Group (CAG)
- **January 2022:** The CAG: determined criteria for submissions of frequency recommendations and named organizations to submit recommendations
- **January - February 2022:** TEA staff requested frequency recommendations based on CAG criteria
- **March 2022:** The CAG reviewed the submissions and made final recommendations for the SBEC's consideration
- **April 2022:** The SBEC approved the Clearinghouse for publication
- **June 1, 2022:** The Clearinghouse was published

Implementation Update

The CAG does not recommend reducing, eliminating, or consolidating any of the existing continuing education or training topics at this time.

The [Clearinghouse](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-for-educator-certification/continuing-education-and-training-clearinghouse) is published on the TEA website at <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/leadership/state-board-for-educator-certification/continuing-education-and-training-clearinghouse>. In addition to the requirements outlined in SB 1267 for the Clearinghouse to include SBEC recommended frequencies for each of the seven named topics, the CAG and SBEC decided to expand the Clearinghouse to also include important resources to assist school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, as well as educators regarding continuing education and trainings. Those additional resources include:

- All of the statutory requirements and links for each training
- The TEA-approved, Professional Development Best Practices: Effective Schools Framework alignment
- Additional Resources: TASB/TASA training chart, Texas Model for School Counseling, Texas School Mental Health Toolkit
- The SBEC-adopted Continuing Professional Education Requirements for standard certificate renewal
- An email link for any questions that school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, or educators have regarding the Clearinghouse