

AN ACT

relating to a handbook on parental rights in education and training requirements on parental rights in education for a member of the board of trustees of a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-2) The State Board of Education shall require a trustee to complete training on the rights of a parent regarding the education of the parent's child. The state board, with assistance from the agency, shall develop the curriculum and materials for the training.

SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0025. PARENTAL RIGHTS HANDBOOK. (a) The agency shall create and maintain a handbook that explains all rights of a parent regarding the education of the parent's child, including a student's rights that the parent may enforce on the student's behalf.

(b) The handbook must be:

- (1) written in plain language;
- (2) updated on an annual basis to reflect any relevant changes in applicable law or agency guidance; and
- (3) made publicly available in a searchable format on

1 the agency's Internet website.

2           SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas  
3 Education Agency shall create the parental rights in education  
4 handbook required by Section 26.0025, Education Code, as added by  
5 this Act.

6           (b) Not later than April 1, 2026, the State Board of  
7 Education shall develop and make available the training required by  
8 Section 11.159(b-2), Education Code, as added by this Act.

9           (c) Not later than September 1, 2026, a member of the board  
10 of trustees of a school district who takes the oath of office before  
11 January 1, 2026, shall complete the training on parental rights in  
12 education required by Section 11.159(b-2), Education Code, as added  
13 by this Act.

14           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

## Required Continuing Education for Trustees

September 2025

Required Continuing Education <sup>1</sup>	First Year in Office	Subsequent Years
1) Local District Orientation	Three hours within the first 120 days in office	N/A
2) Orientation to the Texas Education Code	Three hours within the first 120 days in office	N/A
3) Update to the Texas Education Code <sup>2</sup>	Following each legislative session and of sufficient length to address major changes and other relevant legal obligations	Following each legislative session and of sufficient length to address major changes and other relevant legal obligations
4) Team Building (Team-of-Eight)	Three hours	Three hours each year
5) Additional Education based on the Framework for School Board Development	Ten hours	Five hours each year
6) Evaluating and Improving Student Outcomes	Three hours within the first 120 days in office	Three hours every two years
7) Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, and Other Maltreatment of Children	One hour within the first 120 days in office	One hour every two years
8) School Safety Training	Within the first 120 days in office	Every two years
9) Open Meetings Act (OMA)	One hour within the first 90 days in office	N/A
10) Public Information Act (PIA)	One hour within the first 90 days in office	N/A
11) Cybersecurity	Varies by provider	Each year

1. Items 1 through 8 are described in TEC, §11.159, 19 TAC §61.1, and 19 TAC §61.3. Items 9 through 11 are described in other sections of statute.

2. A board member whose first year in office coincides with the end of a legislative session and whose Orientation to the Texas Education Code (#2 above) includes major changes to the Texas Education Code, is not required to attend the Updated to the Texas Education Code (#3 above) [19 TAC §61.1(b)(3)(C)].