

AN ACT

relating to rules by the State Board for Educator Certification regarding virtual observation options for field-based experiences and internships required for educator certification.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.051(f), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) The board shall propose rules providing flexible options for persons for any field-based experience or internship required for certification, including options for candidate observations that provide for at least:

(1) two observations to occur in person and two additional observations to occur in virtual settings that are equivalent in rigor to in-person options for observation; or

(2) three observations to occur in person.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1590 passed the Senate on May 3, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1590 passed the House, with amendment, on May 24, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 10, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor