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H.B. No. 4358

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to including digital teaching in the micro-credential  
3 certification program for public school educator continuing  
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsections (a) and (i) and adding Subsection (i-1) to  
8 read as follows:

9 (a) The board shall propose rules establishing a process for  
10 identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill  
11 educators' continuing education requirements, including  
12 opportunities for educators to receive micro-credentials, as  
13 provided by Subsection (i), in:

14 (1) fields of study related to the educator's  
15 certification class; or

16 (2) digital teaching [~~as provided by Subsection (i)~~].

17 (i) The board shall propose rules establishing a program to  
18 issue micro-credentials in fields of study related to an educator's  
19 certification class or in digital teaching. The agency shall  
20 approve continuing education providers to offer micro-credential  
21 courses. A micro-credential received by an educator shall be  
22 recorded on the agency's Educator Certification Online System  
23 (ECOS) and included as part of the educator's public certification  
24 records.

1        (i-1) In proposing rules under Subsection (i) for  
2 micro-credentials related to digital teaching, the board shall  
3 engage relevant stakeholders.

4        SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
5 school year.

6        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.