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H.B. No. 5079

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for issuance of a supplemental
bilingual education teaching certificate.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 21.04892 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.04892. REQUIREMENTS FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION
SUPPLEMENTAL CERTIFICATION. (a) The board shall propose rules to
ensure that in issuing the teaching certificates appropriate for
bilingual education instruction in accordance with Section
29.061(a), the board issues bifurcated supplemental certificates
in bilingual education instruction that, combined with a teacher's
primary certificate, certify the teacher to provide bilingual
education instruction to students in sixth grade and below or
students in 7th through 12th grade, as applicable. The bifurcated
supplemental certificates must be tailored to providing bilingual
education instruction in the applicable grades to which the
teacher's primary certificate applies.

(b) The rules proposed by the board shall allow a person
seeking certification described by Subsection (a) who fails to
perform satisfactorily on the required Bilingual Target Language
Proficiency Test to:

(1) retake only the sections of the test that include
the domains on which the person failed to perform satisfactorily;

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2 (2) during a retake of the test described by
3 Subdivision (1), demonstrate the person's language proficiency
4 through the completion of fewer components, including eliminating a
5 component that requires the preparation of a lesson plan for a
6 person who fails to perform satisfactorily on a domain requiring
7 completion of that component.

8 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
9 of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall
10 propose rules prescribing the requirements for a supplemental
11 educator certification in bilingual education instruction as
12 provided by Section 21.04892, Education Code, as added by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.