

AN ACT

relating to the certification requirements for a public school counselor.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0462 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0462. QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AS SCHOOL COUNSELOR. The qualifications for certification as a school counselor may not include a requirement that a candidate for certification have experience as a classroom teacher.

SECTION 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act but not later than January 1, 2024, the State Board for Educator Certification shall propose any rules necessary to implement Section 21.0462, Education Code, as added by this Act.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 798 passed the Senate on April 5, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 798 passed the House on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 91, Nays 52, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor