

By: Middleton  
(Buckley)

S.B. No. 798

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the certification requirements for a public school  
3 counselor.

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

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

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

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

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