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S.B. No. 2215

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a dual language immersion
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. DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION BILINGUAL EDUCATION
CERTIFICATION. (a) The board shall establish a dual language
immersion bilingual education teaching certificate to provide
instruction to high school students in bilingual education programs
using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model.

(b) To be eligible for a certificate established under this
section, a person must:

(1) satisfactorily complete the coursework for that
certificate in an educator preparation program;

(2) perform satisfactorily on the Bilingual Target
Language Proficiency Test; and

(3) satisfy any other requirements prescribed by the
board designed to address specific linguistic and content
requirements for effective instruction in a dual language immersion
program.

(c) The board shall propose rules to allow a person seeking
certification under this section who fails to perform
satisfactorily on the Bilingual Target Language Proficiency Test

1 to:

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

4 and

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

11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall
13 propose rules prescribing requirements for an educator
14 certification in dual language immersion bilingual education
15 teaching as provided by Section 21.04892, Education Code, as added
16 by this Act.

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