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H.B. No. 906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a temporary teaching certificate for certain military
3 service members and first responders.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 21.0444(b) and (c), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) This section applies to a person seeking teaching
8 certification [~~to teach career and technology education~~] who:

9 (1) has served in the armed forces of the United States
10 and was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active
11 duty; or

12 (2) has served as a first responder and, while in good
13 standing and not because of pending or final disciplinary actions
14 or a documented performance problem, retired, resigned, or
15 separated from employment as a first responder.

16 (c) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter
17 providing for the issuance of a temporary teaching certificate [~~to~~
18 ~~teach career and technology education~~] to a person described by
19 Subsection (b) who meets all other eligibility requirements for
20 standard teaching certification [~~to teach career and technology~~
21 ~~education~~], except that the person may substitute for a requirement
22 that the person hold:

23 (1) an associate degree from an accredited institution
24 of higher education, 48 months of active duty military service or

1 service as a first responder; or

2 (2) a bachelor's degree:

3 (A) the military service or service as a first
4 responder described by Subdivision (1); and

5 (B) 60 semester credit hours completed at a
6 public or private institution of higher education with a minimum
7 grade point average of at least 2.50 on a four-point scale.

8 SECTION 2. Section 21.458(a-2), Education Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (a-2) A school district shall assign a mentor teacher to a
11 classroom teacher who has been issued a temporary teaching
12 certificate [~~to teach career and technology education~~] under
13 Section 21.0444 for at least two school years.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.