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S.B. No. 24

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to strategies and reports on the recruitment and retention of public school teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.007. TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION STRATEGY AND REPORT. (a) Not later than January 1, 2005, each school district shall develop a strategy for the district's recruitment and retention of teachers over the succeeding five year period. Each district shall file a written report of the district's strategy with the agency and the State Board for Educator Certification.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the agency and the State Board for Educator Certification shall prepare and submit a report to the legislature based on the teacher recruitment and retention strategies received from districts under Subsection (a).

(c) The agency and the State Board for Educator Certification shall adopt guidelines for the implementation of this section.

(d) This section expires January 31, 2006.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2 legislative session.