

Amend **CSHB 1**, in Article III of the bill, by adding the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriation to the State Board for Educator Certification:

____. INTERIM STUDY CONCERNING PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CERTIFICATION TO TEACH BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, OR SPANISH. It is the intent of the legislature that the State Board for Educator Certification, pursuant to its authority under Section 21.004, Education Code, and Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, use an appropriate portion of the funds appropriated to the board by this Act to conduct a study, in consultation with the University of North Texas at Dallas, concerning the establishment of a program at the university to provide financial incentives, such as tuition assistance and loan forgiveness, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a second language, or Spanish. It is the intent of the legislature that the State Board for Educator Certification complete the study and report the results of the study to the legislature not later than December 31, 2004.