

Amend Amendment No. 268 by Alonzo to **CSHB 1** (amendment packet page 346) by striking the text of the amendment and substituting the following:

Amend **CSHB 1**, in Article III of the bill, by adding the following appropriately numbered rider following the appropriations to the Texas Education Agency:

_____. PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE CERTIFICATION TO TEACH BILINGUAL EDUCATION, ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE, OR SPANISH. Of the funds appropriated above for Strategy A.2.1., ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, the Texas Education Agency may use an amount that is not less than \$150,000 for each year of the 2004-05 biennium to develop and operate a program at the University of North Texas System Center at Dallas, in consultation with 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.