Amend CSHB 318 (Senate committee report version) as follows:

At the end of SECTION 1, add the following Subsection (j) to Section 21.0491, Education Code:

"(j) Notwithstanding any other requirement in this chapter, the executive director, upon approval of the commissioner of education, may grant a certificate under what is deemed extenuating circumstances to any person upon review of an applicant's educator credentials."