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H.B. No. 318

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certification to teach school of individuals who hold  
3 bachelor's degrees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 21.0491 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.0491. ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION OF PERSON HOLDING  
8 BACHELOR'S DEGREE. (a) In addition to issuing teaching  
9 certificates to persons to whom Section 21.050 applies, the board  
10 may issue a teaching certificate to a person who:

11 (1) holds a bachelor's degree received with an  
12 academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including  
13 reading, other than education, that is related to at least one area  
14 of the curriculum as prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28; and

15 (2) performs satisfactorily on the appropriate  
16 examination prescribed under Section 21.048.

17 (b) A person who holds a bachelor's degree with an academic  
18 major related to only one area of the curriculum prescribed under  
19 Subchapter A, Chapter 28, may receive a certificate to teach only in  
20 that subject area.

21 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004  
22 school year.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.