

1-1 By: Grusendorf (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 318
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2003;
1-3 April 28, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1;
1-6 May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 318 By: Shapiro

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to certification to teach in certain grade levels of
1-11 individuals who hold baccalaureate or advanced degrees from an
1-12 institution of higher education.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 21.0491 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 21.0491. TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS HOLDING
1-17 CERTAIN DEGREES. (a) In addition to issuing teaching certificates
1-18 to persons to whom Section 21.050 applies, the board may issue to a
1-19 person a temporary certificate authorizing the person to teach only
1-20 in grade levels 8-12 if the person:

1-21 (1) holds a baccalaureate or advanced degree from an
1-22 institution of higher education received with an academic major or
1-23 interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, other than
1-24 education, that is related to at least one area of the curriculum as
1-25 prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28; and

1-26 (2) performs satisfactorily on the appropriate
1-27 examination prescribed under Section 21.048.

1-28 (b) A school district may require that a person who is
1-29 employed by the district and who holds a certificate issued under
1-30 this section complete a teacher training program.

1-31 (c) A certificate issued to a person under this section is
1-32 valid only in the school district in which the person is initially
1-33 employed after receiving the certificate.

1-34 (d) A certificate issued under this section is valid for a
1-35 term not to exceed two years.

1-36 (e) A school district may direct the board to issue a
1-37 standard teaching certificate to a person if:

1-38 (1) the person holds a certificate issued under this
1-39 section;

1-40 (2) the district has employed the person as a teacher
1-41 for at least two years; and

1-42 (3) the district has favorably reviewed the person's
1-43 performance, including classroom performance and performance in
1-44 any teacher training program.

1-45 (f) A person may receive a certificate to teach only in a
1-46 subject area of the curriculum prescribed under Subchapter A,
1-47 Chapter 28, in which the person holds a baccalaureate or advanced
1-48 degree from an institution of higher education with an academic
1-49 major related to that area of the curriculum.

1-50 (g) A school district may employ a person who holds a
1-51 certificate under this section only:

1-52 (1) under a probationary contract for each year of the
1-53 person's employment with the district, notwithstanding the
1-54 probationary contract period limitations described by Sections
1-55 21.102(b) and (c); or

1-56 (2) in an at-will employment relationship,
1-57 notwithstanding Section 21.002(a).

1-58 (h) A school district employing a person who holds a
1-59 certificate issued under this section must provide the person with
1-60 intensive support during the person's first year of employment with
1-61 the district, including:

1-62 (1) mentoring;

1-63 (2) preservice training, including training in

2-1 classroom management and student discipline; and

2-2 (3) appropriate professional development.

2-3 (i) For purposes of this section, the board may by rule
2-4 determine which higher education academic majors are related to
2-5 which subject areas of the curriculum under Subchapter A, Chapter
2-6 28.

2-7 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
2-8 school year.

2-9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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