

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program for early childhood teacher education and retention.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 302.0055, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0055. [~~T.E.A.C.H.~~] PILOT PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. Sections 302.0055(a) and (e), Labor Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall establish a pilot program [~~, to be known as the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) pilot program,~~] to assist teachers in retaining employment in the field of child care. In establishing and administering the program, the commission may consult with nationally recognized [~~any other~~] early childhood teacher pilot programs [~~program~~].

(e) Not later than December 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature regarding the status and results of the [~~T.E.A.C.H.~~] pilot program.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 453 was passed by the House on May 2, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 453 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor