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H.B. No. 453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a pilot program for early childhood teacher education  
3 and retention.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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