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H.B. No. 2722

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the methods of assessing the knowledge and skills of a candidate for educator certification.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.048(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall propose rules:

(1) prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board; and

(2) providing for alternative methods of assessing a candidate's knowledge and skills in pedagogy and professional responsibility, including a performance appraisal approved by the board.

SECTION 2. Section 21.355, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A document evaluating the performance of an educator [a teacher or administrator] is confidential.

(b) A document or information contained in a document under subsection (a) of this section may be disclosed to the State Board for Educator Certification without violating the confidentiality of the document or any information contained in it.

SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2004, the State Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules providing for alternative methods of assessing a candidate's knowledge and skills

1 in pedagogy and professional responsibility. Section 21.048(a),  
2 Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to the  
3 certification of a candidate on or after September 1, 2004.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.