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S.B. No. 265

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuation and functions of the State Board for
Educator Certification.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7.056(a), Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by this subsection and Subsection
(e), a school campus or district may apply to the commissioner for a
waiver of a requirement, restriction, or prohibition imposed by
this code or rule of the board or commissioner. A waiver of a
requirement related to educator certification under Subchapter B,
Chapter 21, is governed by Section 21.059.

SECTION 2. Section 21.003(a), Education Code, is amended to
read as follows:

(a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher
intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide,
administrator, educational diagnostician, or counselor by a school
district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or
permit issued as provided by Subchapter B.

SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
amended by adding Sections 21.0331, 21.0332, and 21.0341 to read as
follows:

Sec. 21.0331. INELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON BOARD;
INELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS. (a) In this section, "Texas

1 trade association" means a cooperative and voluntarily joined
2 association of business or professional competitors in this state
3 designed to assist its members and its industry or profession in
4 dealing with mutual business or professional problems and in
5 promoting their common interest.

6 (b) A person may not be a member of the board or act as the
7 general counsel to the board if the person is required to register
8 as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, Government Code, because of the
9 person's activities for compensation on behalf of a profession
10 related to the operation of the board.

11 (c) A person may not be a member of the board and may not be a
12 board employee employed in a "bona fide executive, administrative,
13 or professional capacity," as that phrase is used for purposes of
14 establishing an exemption to the overtime provisions of the federal
15 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.) and
16 its subsequent amendments, if:

17 (1) the person is an officer, employee, or paid
18 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of education;
19 or

20 (2) the person's spouse is an officer, manager, or paid
21 consultant of a Texas trade association in the field of education.

22 Sec. 21.0332. TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF BOARD. (a)
23 A person who is appointed and qualifies for office as a member of
24 the board may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in
25 attendance at a meeting of the board until the person completes a
26 training program that complies with this section.

27 (b) The training program must provide the person with

1 information regarding:

2 (1) the legislation that created the board;

3 (2) the programs operated by the board;

4 (3) the role and functions of the board;

5 (4) the rules of the board, with an emphasis on the
6 rules that relate to disciplinary and investigatory authority;

7 (5) the current budget for the board;

8 (6) the results of the most recent formal audit of the
9 board;

10 (7) the requirements of:

11 (A) the open meetings law, Chapter 551,
12 Government Code;

13 (B) the public information law, Chapter 552,
14 Government Code;

15 (C) the administrative procedure law, Chapter
16 2001, Government Code; and

17 (D) other laws relating to public officials,
18 including conflict-of-interest laws; and

19 (8) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the
20 board or the Texas Ethics Commission.

21 (c) A person appointed to the board is entitled to
22 reimbursement, as provided by the General Appropriations Act, for
23 the travel expenses incurred in attending the training program,
24 regardless of whether attendance at the program occurs before or
25 after the person qualifies for office.

26 Sec. 21.0341. REMOVAL FROM BOARD. (a) It is a ground for
27 removal from the board that a member:

1 (1) does not have at the time of taking office the
2 qualifications for office under Section 21.033;

3 (2) except as provided by Subsection (b), does not
4 maintain during service on the board the applicable qualifications
5 for office under Section 21.033;

6 (3) is ineligible for membership under Section
7 21.0331;

8 (4) cannot, because of illness or disability,
9 discharge the member's duties for a substantial portion of the
10 member's term; or

11 (5) is absent from more than half of the regularly
12 scheduled board meetings that the member is eligible to attend
13 during a calendar year, without an excuse approved by a majority
14 vote of the board.

15 (b) A member of the board appointed under Section
16 21.033(a)(1) who retires from teaching during the member's term of
17 office is entitled to complete the term.

18 (c) The validity of an action of the board is not affected by
19 the fact that the action was taken when a ground for removal of a
20 board member existed.

21 (d) If the executive director has knowledge that a potential
22 ground for removal exists, the executive director shall notify the
23 presiding officer of the board of the potential ground. The
24 presiding officer shall then notify the governor and the attorney
25 general that a potential ground for removal exists. If the
26 potential ground for removal involves the presiding officer, the
27 executive director shall notify the next highest ranking officer of

1 the board, who shall then notify the governor and the attorney
2 general that a potential ground for removal exists.

3 SECTION 4. Sections 21.035 and 21.036, Education Code, are
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 21.035. APPLICATION OF SUNSET ACT. The board is
6 subject to Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless
7 continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the board is
8 abolished and this subchapter expires September 1, 2015 [~~2003~~].

9 Sec. 21.036. OFFICERS. (a) The governor [~~board~~] shall
10 appoint [~~elect~~] one of the board [~~its~~] members to serve as presiding
11 officer of the board [~~for a term of two years~~]. The presiding
12 officer serves at the pleasure of the governor and is entitled to
13 vote on all matters before the board.

14 (b) The board may elect other officers from among its
15 membership.

16 SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
17 amended by adding Sections 21.0391, 21.0392, and 21.0401 to read as
18 follows:

19 Sec. 21.0391. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT. (a) The
20 executive director or the executive director's designee shall
21 prepare and maintain a written policy statement that implements a
22 program of equal employment opportunity to ensure that all
23 personnel decisions are made without regard to race, color,
24 disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

25 (b) The policy statement must include:

26 (1) personnel policies, including policies relating
27 to recruitment, evaluation, selection, training, and promotion of

1 personnel, that show the intent of the board to avoid the unlawful
2 employment practices described by Chapter 21, Labor Code; and

3 (2) an analysis of the extent to which the composition
4 of the board's personnel is in accordance with state and federal law
5 and a description of reasonable methods to achieve compliance with
6 state and federal law.

7 (c) The policy statement must be:

8 (1) filed with the governor's office;

9 (2) updated annually; and

10 (3) reviewed by the Commission on Human Rights for
11 compliance with Subsection (b)(1).

12 Sec. 21.0392. STATE EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE INFORMATION. The
13 executive director or the executive director's designee shall
14 provide to board employees information and training on the benefits
15 and methods of participating in the state employee incentive
16 program under Subchapter B, Chapter 2108, Government Code.

17 Sec. 21.0401. COLLECTION OF FINGERPRINTS REQUIRED. The
18 State Board for Educator Certification shall obtain a complete set
19 of fingerprints from:

20 (1) each applicant for a certificate issued under this
21 subchapter; and

22 (2) each applicant for or holder of a teaching permit
23 or provisional certificate issued under this subchapter.

24 SECTION 6. Sections 21.041(b) and (c), Education Code, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (b) The board shall propose rules that:

27 (1) provide for the regulation of educators and the

1 general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent
2 with this subchapter;

3 (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be
4 issued, including emergency certificates;

5 (3) specify the period for which each class of
6 educator certificate is valid;

7 (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and
8 renewal of an educator certificate;

9 (5) provide for the issuance of an educator
10 certificate to a person who holds a similar certificate issued by
11 another state or foreign country, subject to Section 21.052;

12 (6) provide for special or restricted certification of
13 educators, including certification of instructors of American Sign
14 Language;

15 (7) provide for the investigation of complaints of
16 disciplinary violations, including:

17 (A) a deadline for each action in the
18 investigation of a complaint;

19 (B) notification requirements for each party
20 involved in the complaint; and

21 (C) a method for designating the severity of an
22 alleged violation that allows the board to set priorities for
23 conducting investigations;

24 (8) provide for disciplinary proceedings, including
25 the suspension or revocation of an educator certificate, as
26 provided by Chapter 2001, Government Code;

27 (9) [~~8~~] provide for the adoption, amendment, and

1 enforcement of an educator's code of ethics;

2 (10) [~~(9)~~] provide for continuing education
3 requirements; and

4 (11) [~~(10)~~] provide for certification of persons
5 performing appraisals under Subchapter H.

6 (c) The board shall propose rules [~~a rule~~] adopting fees [~~a~~
7 ~~fee~~] for:

8 (1) the issuance and maintenance of each [an] educator
9 certificate, including a provisional certificate, that is adequate
10 to cover the cost of administration of this subchapter, including
11 any amount necessary to cover the cost of obtaining fingerprints
12 under Section 21.0401 or conducting a national criminal background
13 check under Section 22.082; and

14 (2) covering the cost of obtaining fingerprints from
15 or conducting a national criminal background check on a holder of a
16 teaching permit issued under this subchapter.

17 SECTION 7. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
18 amended by adding Sections 21.0411-21.0414 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 21.0411. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED RULES. (a) This
20 section applies to the process by which the State Board for Educator
21 Certification develops proposed rules for the State Board of
22 Education's consideration under Section 21.042 before the proposed
23 rules are published in the Texas Register and before the State Board
24 for Educator Certification or the State Board of Education complies
25 with the rulemaking requirements of Chapter 2001, Government Code.
26 This section does not affect any duty to comply with the rulemaking
27 requirements of that law.

1 (b) The State Board for Educator Certification shall
2 establish a checklist of methods that, to the extent appropriate,
3 the board will follow to obtain early in the rule development
4 process the advice and opinions of the public and of persons who
5 will be most affected by a proposed rule. The checklist must
6 include methods for identifying persons who will be most affected
7 and for soliciting at a minimum the advice and opinions of the
8 agency, other state agency personnel, educators, school district
9 administrators, and, to the extent appropriate, parents. The
10 checklist may include negotiated rulemaking, informal conferences,
11 advisory committees, and any other appropriate method.

12 (c) A rule proposed by the State Board for Educator
13 Certification and adopted by the State Board of Education may not be
14 challenged on the grounds that the State Board for Educator
15 Certification did not comply with this section.

16 (d) This section does not apply to the proposal of an
17 emergency rule to be adopted in accordance with Section 2001.034,
18 Government Code.

19 Sec. 21.0412. PUBLIC TESTIMONY. The board shall develop
20 and implement policies designed to provide the public with a
21 reasonable opportunity to appear before the board and to speak on
22 any issue under the jurisdiction of the board.

23 Sec. 21.0413. NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING AND ALTERNATIVE
24 DISPUTE RESOLUTION. (a) The board shall develop and implement a
25 policy to encourage the use of:

26 (1) negotiated rulemaking procedures under Chapter
27 2008, Government Code, for the proposal of board rules; and

1 (2) appropriate alternative dispute resolution
2 procedures under Chapter 2009, Government Code, to assist in the
3 resolution of internal and external disputes under the board's
4 jurisdiction.

5 (b) The board's procedures relating to alternative dispute
6 resolution must conform, to the extent possible, to any model
7 guidelines issued by the State Office of Administrative Hearings
8 for the use of alternative dispute resolution by state agencies.

9 (c) The board shall designate a trained person to:

10 (1) coordinate the implementation of the policy
11 adopted under Subsection (a);

12 (2) serve as a resource for any training needed to
13 implement the procedures for negotiated rulemaking and alternative
14 dispute resolution; and

15 (3) collect data concerning the effectiveness of those
16 procedures, as implemented by the board.

17 Sec. 21.0414. TECHNOLOGY POLICY. The board shall develop
18 and implement a policy that requires the executive director and
19 board employees to research and propose appropriate technological
20 solutions to improve the board's ability to perform its functions.

21 The technological solutions must:

22 (1) ensure that the public is able to easily find
23 information about the board on the Internet;

24 (2) ensure that persons who want to use the board's
25 services are able to:

26 (A) interact with the board through the Internet;

27 and

1 (B) access any service that can be provided
2 effectively through the Internet; and

3 (3) be cost-effective and developed through the
4 board's planning processes.

5 SECTION 8. Section 21.042, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.042. APPROVAL OF RULES. (a) The State Board for
8 Educator Certification must submit a written copy of each rule it
9 proposes to adopt to the State Board of Education for review.

10 (b) By a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present
11 and voting, the [The] State Board of Education may:

12 (1) accept or reject a portion of a proposed rule; or

13 (2) reject an entire [a] proposed rule [by a vote of at
14 least two-thirds of the members of the board present and voting].

15 (c) If the State Board of Education fails to reject a
16 proposal before the 90th day after the date on which it receives the
17 proposal, the proposal takes effect as a rule of the State Board for
18 Educator Certification as provided by Chapter 2001, Government
19 Code.

20 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (b)(1), the [The] State
21 Board of Education may not modify a rule proposed by the State Board
22 for Educator Certification.

23 SECTION 9. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 21.0421 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 21.0421. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
26 DONATIONS. (a) The board may solicit and accept gifts, grants,
27 and donations for the purposes of this chapter.

1 (b) Not later than December 31 of each year, the board shall
2 report to the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of
3 representatives:

4 (1) the source and amount of each gift, grant, and
5 donation accepted under this section; and

6 (2) the source and amount of each gift, grant, or
7 donation offered to but not accepted by the board.

8 SECTION 10. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
9 amended by adding Sections 21.0484 and 21.0521 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 21.0484. EXAMINATION RESULTS. (a) Not later than the
11 30th day after the date a person takes a certification examination
12 under this subchapter, the board shall notify the person of the
13 examination results.

14 (b) If the examination is graded or reviewed by a testing
15 service:

16 (1) the board shall notify the person of the
17 examination results not later than the 14th day after the date the
18 board receives the results from the testing service; and

19 (2) if notice of the examination results will be
20 delayed for longer than 90 days after the examination date, the
21 board shall notify the person of the reason for the delay before the
22 90th day.

23 (c) The board may require a testing service to notify a
24 person of the results of the person's examination.

25 (d) If requested in writing by a person who fails a
26 certification examination administered under this subchapter, the
27 board shall furnish the person with an analysis of the person's

1 performance on the examination.

2 Sec. 21.0521. PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE. (a) After a
3 satisfactory review of an applicant's educator credentials, the
4 board may issue a provisional certificate to an applicant who is
5 currently certified or licensed in good standing as an educator in
6 another jurisdiction, including a foreign country, that has
7 certification or licensing requirements that are substantially
8 equivalent to the requirements of this subchapter but who has not
9 passed an examination determined by the board to be similar to and
10 at least as rigorous as the examination prescribed under Section
11 21.048.

12 (b) A provisional certificate issued under this section is
13 valid for not longer than 12 months from the effective date of the
14 provisional certificate.

15 (c) The board shall issue a standard certificate under this
16 subchapter to the provisional certificate holder if the person is
17 eligible to be certified under Section 21.052.

18 SECTION 11. Sections 21.055(c) and (d), Education Code, are
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (c) Promptly after employing a person under this section, a
21 school district shall send to the board the person's fingerprints
22 and ~~[commissioner]~~ a written statement identifying the person, the
23 person's qualifications as a teacher, and the subject or class the
24 person will teach. The person may teach the subject or class
25 pending action by the board ~~[commissioner]~~.

26 (d) Not later than the 30th day after the date the board
27 ~~[commissioner]~~ receives the statement under Subsection (c), the

1 board [~~commissioner~~] may inform the district in writing that the
2 board [~~commissioner~~] finds the person is not qualified to teach.
3 The person may not teach if the board [~~commissioner~~] finds the
4 person is not qualified. If the board [~~commissioner~~] fails to act
5 within the time prescribed by this subsection, the district may
6 issue to the person a school district teaching permit and the person
7 may teach the subject or class identified in the statement.

8 SECTION 12. Section 21.057(d), Education Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (d) For purposes of this section, "inappropriately
11 certified or uncertified teacher":

12 (1) includes:

13 (A) an individual serving on an emergency
14 certificate issued under Section 21.041(b)(2); or

15 (B) an individual who does not hold any
16 certificate or permit issued under this chapter and is not employed
17 as specified by Subdivision (2)(E); and

18 (2) does not include an individual:

19 (A) who is a certified teacher assigned to teach
20 a class or classes outside his or her area of certification, as
21 determined by rules proposed by the board in specifying the
22 certificate required for each assignment;

23 (B) serving on a certificate issued due to a
24 hearing impairment under Section 21.048;

25 (C) serving on a certificate issued pursuant to
26 enrollment in an approved alternative certification program under
27 Section 21.049;

1 (D) certified by another state or country and
2 serving on a certificate issued under Section 21.052 or a
3 provisional certificate issued under Section 21.0521;

4 (E) serving on a school district teaching permit
5 issued under Section 21.055; or

6 (F) employed under a waiver granted by the board
7 [commissioner] pursuant to Section 21.059 [~~7.056~~].

8 SECTION 13. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
9 amended by adding Sections 21.058-21.062 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 21.058. COMPLAINTS. (a) The board shall maintain a
11 file on each written complaint filed with the board.

12 (b) The file must include:

13 (1) the name of the person who filed the complaint;

14 (2) the date the complaint is received by the board;

15 (3) the subject matter of the complaint;

16 (4) the name of each person contacted in relation to
17 the complaint;

18 (5) a summary of the results of the review or
19 investigation of the complaint; and

20 (6) an explanation of the reason the file was closed,
21 if the board closed the file without taking action other than to
22 investigate the complaint.

23 (c) The board shall provide to the person filing the
24 complaint and to each person who is a subject of the complaint a
25 copy of the board's policies and procedures relating to complaint
26 investigation and resolution.

27 (d) The board, at least quarterly until final disposition of

1 the complaint, shall notify the person filing the complaint and
2 each person who is a subject of the complaint of the status of the
3 investigation unless the notice would jeopardize an undercover
4 investigation.

5 Sec. 21.059. WAIVER OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. A
6 school district may apply to the board for a waiver of a requirement
7 under this subchapter that prohibits a teacher from teaching
8 outside the teacher's area of certification.

9 Sec. 21.060. EXPIRATION OF CERTIFICATES. The board by rule
10 may adopt a system under which certificates issued by the board
11 expire on various dates during the year. For the year in which the
12 certificate expiration date is changed, the board shall prorate
13 certification fees on a monthly basis so that each certificate
14 holder pays only that portion of the fee that is allocable to the
15 number of months during which the certificate is valid. On renewal
16 of the certificate on the new expiration date, the total renewal fee
17 is payable.

18 Sec. 21.061. CERTIFICATE RENEWAL. (a) A person who is
19 otherwise eligible to renew a certificate may renew an unexpired
20 certificate by paying the required renewal fee to the board before
21 the expiration date of the certificate. A person whose certificate
22 has expired may not engage in activities that require a certificate
23 until the certificate has been renewed.

24 (b) A person whose certificate has been expired for 90 days
25 or less may renew the certificate by paying to the board a renewal
26 fee that is equal to one and one-half times the normally required
27 renewal fee.

1 (c) A person whose certificate has been expired for more
2 than 90 days but less than one year may renew the certificate by
3 paying to the board a renewal fee that is equal to two times the
4 normally required renewal fee.

5 (d) A person whose certificate has been expired for one year
6 or more may not renew the certificate. The person may obtain a new
7 certificate by complying with the requirements and procedures,
8 including the examination requirements, for obtaining an original
9 certificate.

10 (e) A person who held a certificate in this state, moved to
11 another state, and currently holds a certificate and has been in
12 practice in the other state for the two years preceding the date of
13 application may obtain a new certificate without reexamination.
14 The person must pay to the board a fee that is equal to two times the
15 normally required renewal fee for the certificate.

16 (f) Not later than the 30th day before the date a person's
17 certificate is scheduled to expire, the board shall send written
18 notice of the impending expiration to the person at the person's
19 last known address according to the records of the board.

20 Sec. 21.062. REVOCATION, MODIFICATION, OR SUSPENSION OF
21 CERTIFICATE. (a) The board shall revoke, suspend, or refuse to
22 renew a certificate or reprimand a certificate holder for a
23 violation of this subchapter or a rule of the board.

24 (b) The board may place on probation a person whose
25 certificate has been suspended. If a certificate suspension is
26 probated, the board may require the person:

27 (1) to report regularly to the board on matters that

1 are the basis of the probation;

2 (2) to limit practice to the areas prescribed by the
3 board; or

4 (3) to continue or review professional education until
5 the person attains a degree of skill satisfactory to the board in
6 those areas that are the basis of the probation.

7 SECTION 14. Section 22.082, Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 22.082. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS BY STATE
10 BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION. The State Board for Educator
11 Certification shall obtain from any law enforcement or criminal
12 justice agency all state and national criminal history record
13 information that relates to an applicant for or holder of a
14 certificate or permit issued under Subchapter B, Chapter 21. The
15 board shall require an applicant to pay any costs related to
16 obtaining criminal history information under this section.

17 SECTION 15. Section 411.090, Government Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 411.090. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION
20 AND FINGERPRINTS: STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION. (a) The
21 State Board for Educator Certification is entitled to obtain from
22 the department any criminal history record information maintained
23 by the department about a person who has applied to the board for a
24 certificate or permit under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education
25 Code.

26 (b) Criminal history record information obtained by the
27 board under Subsection (a):

1 (1) may be used for any purpose related to the
2 issuance, denial, suspension, or cancellation of a certificate
3 issued by the board; and

4 (2) may not be released to any person except on court
5 order or with the consent of the applicant for a certificate [~~and~~

6 ~~[(3) shall be destroyed by the board after the~~
7 ~~information is used for the authorized purposes].~~

8 (c) The State Board for Educator Certification may keep on
9 file with the department all fingerprints obtained by the board
10 under Section 21.0401, Education Code. The department shall notify
11 the board of the arrest of any educator who has fingerprints on file
12 with the department.

13 (d) In this section, "educator" has the meaning assigned by
14 Section 5.001, Education Code.

15 SECTION 16. Not later than January 1, 2004, the executive
16 director of the State Board for Educator Certification or the
17 executive director's designee shall prepare the written policy
18 statement required by Section 21.0391, Education Code, as added by
19 this Act.

20 SECTION 17. (a) Not later than January 1, 2004, the State
21 Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules governing the
22 certification of educational diagnosticians. Section 21.003(a),
23 Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to the
24 employment of an educational diagnostician by a school district on
25 or after September 1, 2004.

26 (b) Sections 21.0331 and 21.0332, Education Code, as added
27 by this Act, do not affect the entitlement of a person serving as a

1 member of the State Board for Educator Certification immediately
2 before September 1, 2003, to continue to serve and function as a
3 member of the board for the remainder of the person's term.
4 Sections 21.0331 and 21.0332, Education Code, as added by this Act,
5 apply only to a person appointed to the State Board for Educator
6 Certification on or after September 1, 2003.

7 (c) Section 21.0484, Education Code, as added by this Act,
8 applies only to an examination administered under Subchapter B,
9 Chapter 21, Education Code, on or after September 1, 2003.

10 (d) Section 21.058, Education Code, as added by this Act,
11 applies only to a complaint filed with the State Board for Educator
12 Certification on or after September 1, 2003, regardless of whether
13 the conduct or act that is the subject of the complaint occurred or
14 was committed before, on, or after that date.

15 (e) Section 21.061, Education Code, as added by this Act,
16 applies to fees for renewal of a certificate under Subchapter B,
17 Chapter 21, Education Code, that expires on or after September 1,
18 2003. Fees for renewal of a certificate that expired before that
19 date are governed by the law in effect on the date the certificate
20 expired, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 18. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.