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H.B. No. 25

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limits on the assignment of public school students to teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0215 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0215. LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO TEACHERS.

(a) A student in kindergarten or grades one through six may not be assigned for two consecutive school years to a teacher who:

(1) has less than one year of teaching experience; or

(2) does not hold the appropriate certificate issued by the State Board for Educator Certification.

(b) In a subject for which a student is administered an assessment instrument under Section 39.023(a) or (c), a student in grade seven or higher may not be assigned for two consecutive school years to a teacher who:

(1) has less than one year of teaching experience; or

(2) does not hold the appropriate certificate issued by the State Board for Educator Certification.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

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

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
3 legislative session.