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H.B. No. 296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the extension of certain deadlines for public school educators serving on active duty in the military.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.054(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Continuing education for principals must be based on an individual assessment of the knowledge, skills, and proficiencies necessary to perform successfully as a principal, as identified in Section 21.046. An individualized professional growth plan shall be developed as a result of the assessment and shall be used exclusively for professional growth purposes. The assessment results and the growth plan may only be released with the approval of the principal assessed. Except as provided by Section 21.059, each ~~Each~~ certified principal shall participate in the assessment process and professional growth activities at least once every five years.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.059 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.059. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL. A person who holds a certificate or permit under this subchapter who is a member of the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and who is ordered to active duty by proper authority is entitled to an

1 additional amount of time, equal to the total number of years or
2 parts of years that the educator serves on active duty, to complete:

3 (1) any continuing education requirements; and

4 (2) any requirements relating to renewal or extension
5 of the person's certificate or permit.

6 SECTION 3. Section 21.059, Education Code, as added by this
7 Act, applies to a person who holds a certificate or permit under
8 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, and is a member of the
9 state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of
10 the United States and who is ordered to report for active duty
11 beginning on or after September 1, 2004.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.