

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 143
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1-4 Military Installations; March 7, 2005, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4,
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 143 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the extension of certain deadlines for certain
1-11 professionals serving on active duty in the military.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Section 55.003 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 55.003. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR ACTIVE DUTY
1-16 MILITARY PERSONNEL. A person who holds a license, is a member of
1-17 the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces
1-18 of the United States, and is ordered to active duty by proper
1-19 authority is entitled to an additional amount of time, equal to the
1-20 total number of years or parts of years that the person serves on
1-21 active duty, to complete:

1-22 (1) any continuing education requirements; and

1-23 (2) any other requirement related to the renewal of
1-24 the person's license.

1-25 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 21.054, Education Code,
1-26 is amended to read as follows:

1-27 (b) Continuing education for principals must be based on an
1-28 individual assessment of the knowledge, skills, and proficiencies
1-29 necessary to perform successfully as a principal, as identified in
1-30 Section 21.046. An individualized professional growth plan shall
1-31 be developed as a result of the assessment and shall be used
1-32 exclusively for professional growth purposes. The assessment
1-33 results and the growth plan may only be released with the approval
1-34 of the principal assessed. Except as provided by Section 21.059,
1-35 each [Each] certified principal shall participate in the assessment
1-36 process and professional growth activities at least once every five
1-37 years.

1-38 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
1-39 amended by adding Section 21.059 to read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 21.059. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR ACTIVE DUTY
1-41 MILITARY PERSONNEL. A person who holds a certificate or permit
1-42 under this subchapter who is a member of the state military forces
1-43 or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and
1-44 who is ordered to active duty by proper authority is entitled to an
1-45 additional amount of time, equal to the total number of years or
1-46 parts of years that the educator serves on active duty, to complete:

1-47 (1) any continuing education requirements; and

1-48 (2) any requirements relating to renewal or extension
1-49 of the person's certificate or permit.

1-50 SECTION 4. (a) Section 55.003, Occupations Code, as added
1-51 by this Act, applies to a person who holds a license, as defined by
1-52 Section 55.001, Occupations Code, and is a member of the state
1-53 military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of the
1-54 United States and who is ordered to report for active duty as a
1-55 member of the state military forces or as a reserve component of the
1-56 armed forces of the United States on or after September 1, 2004.

1-57 (b) Section 21.059, Education Code, as added by this Act,
1-58 applies to a person who holds a certificate or permit under
1-59 Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, and is a member of the
1-60 state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of
1-61 the United States and who is ordered to report for active duty
1-62 beginning on or after September 1, 2004.

1-63 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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