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H.B. No. 721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the certification of educational diagnosticians.

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

SECTION 1. 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 2. Not later than January 1, 2008, the State Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules governing the certification of educational diagnosticians.

SECTION 3. Section 21.003(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a person who begins employment with a school district as an educational diagnostician on or after September 1, 2008. A person employed by a school district as an educational diagnostician before September 1, 2008, may continue employment with the school district without obtaining a certificate or permit as an educational diagnostician as required by Section 21.003(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, so long as the person is employed by that district.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.