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H.B. No. 3421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to accountability systems for public school educator preparation programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.045, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner ~~[board]~~ shall adopt ~~[propose]~~ rules establishing standards to govern the approval and continuing accountability of all educator preparation programs based on information that is disaggregated with respect to sex and ethnicity and that includes:

(1) results of the certification examinations prescribed under Section 21.048(a); ~~[and]~~

(2) performance based on the appraisal system for beginning teachers adopted by the board;

(3) performance of students taught by beginning teachers for the first three years following certification, as determined on the basis of the measure of annual improvement under Section 39.034 and any other factor considered appropriate by the commissioner; and

(4) perseverance of beginning teachers in the profession, as determined on the basis of the number of beginning teachers who maintain active status in the Teacher Retirement

1 System of Texas for at least five years after certification.

2 (b) Each educator preparation program shall submit data
3 elements as required by the commissioner ~~[board]~~ for an annual
4 performance report to ensure access and equity. At a minimum, the
5 annual report must contain the performance data from Subsection
6 (a), other than the data required for purposes of Subsection
7 (a)(3), and the following information, disaggregated by sex and
8 ethnicity:

- 9 (1) the number of candidates who apply;
10 (2) the number of candidates admitted;
11 (3) the number of candidates retained;
12 (4) the number of candidates completing the program;
13 (5) the number of candidates employed in the
14 profession after completing the program; and
15 (6) the number of candidates retained in the
16 profession.

17 (d) The commissioner ~~[executive director of the board]~~
18 shall appoint an oversight team of educators to make
19 recommendations and provide assistance to educator preparation
20 programs that do not meet accreditation standards. If, after one
21 year, an educator preparation program has not fulfilled the
22 recommendations of the oversight team, the commissioner ~~[executive~~
23 ~~director]~~ shall appoint a person to administer and manage the
24 operations of the program. Promptly on appointment, the person
25 shall, on behalf of the managed program, pursue tentative
26 agreements with other educator preparation programs for the
27 acceptance into those programs of the managed program's students if

1 the approval of the managed program is subsequently revoked. If the
2 program does not improve after two years, the commissioner [~~board~~]
3 shall revoke the approval of the program to prepare educators for
4 state certification.

5 (e) A revocation under Subsection (d) must be effective for
6 a period of at least one year. After one year, the program may seek
7 renewed approval to prepare educators for state certification.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.