| 1-1 | By: Seliger, Van de Putte S.B. No. 158 |
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| 1-2 | (In the Senate - Filed December 21, 2006; January 29, 2007, |
| 1-3 | read first time and referred to Committee on Education; |
| 1-4 | March 20, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee |
| 1-5 | Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 20, 2007, |
| 1-6 | sent to printer.) |
| 1-7 | COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 158 By: Janek |
| 1-8 | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED |
| 1-9 | AN ACT |
| 1-10 | relating to the certification and employment of educational |
| 1-11 | diagnosticians. |
| 1-12 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: |
| 1-13 | SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.003, Education Code, |
| 1-14 | is amended to read as follows: |
| 1-15 | (a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher |
| 1-16 | intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, |
| 1-17 | administrator, educational diagnostician, or counselor by a school |
| 1-18 | district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or |
| 1-19 | permit issued as provided by Subchapter B. |
| 1-20 | SECTION 2. Section 21.401, Education Code, is amended by |
| 1-21 | adding Subsection (d) to read as follows: |
| 1-22 | (d) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a contract |
| 1-23 | between a school district and an educational diagnostician. |
| 1-24 | SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2008, the State Board |
| 1-25 | for Educator Certification shall propose rules governing the |
| 1-26 | certification of educational diagnosticians. |
| 1-27 | SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 21.003, Education Code, |
| 1-28 | as amended by this Act, applies only to a person who begins |
| 1-29 | employment with a school district as an educational diagnostician |
| 1-30 | on or after September 1, 2008. A person employed by a school |
| 1-31 | district as an educational diagnostician before September 1, 2008, |
| 1-32 | may continue employment with the school district without obtaining |
| 1-33 | a certificate or permit as an educational diagnostician as required |
| 1-34 | by Subsection (a), Section 21.003, Education Code, as amended by |
| 1-35 | this Act, so long as the person is employed by that district. |
| 1-36 | SECTION 5. This Áct takes effect September 1, 2007. |
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