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S.B. No. 1912

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certification of educators from outside the state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.052, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (c-1), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(c) Subject to Subsection (c-1), the board shall issue a temporary certificate for an initial term of one year to a person participating in an accredited alternative certification program in another state, provided that the person holds or would be entitled to obtain a temporary credential issued by the other state authorizing the person to teach in that state. The board shall permit a person issued a temporary certificate under this subsection to take the appropriate examination or examinations under Section 21.048 for standard certification during the initial term of the temporary certificate.

(c-1) A person described by Subsection (c) is subject to any fingerprinting requirement generally imposed by the board on a person seeking a certificate and is not entitled to a temporary certificate under that subsection if the person does not satisfy any criteria relating to criminal history established by the board.

(d) The board shall renew a temporary certificate issued under Subsection (c) for a second one-year term if the person to whom the certificate is issued satisfactorily completes one year of teaching in a setting that includes participation by the person in

an educator mentoring program and performs successfully on the appropriate examination or examinations under Section 21.048 for standard certification. After the expiration of the second one-year term, the person is not entitled to further renewal of the temporary certificate and must obtain a standard certificate from the board based on the person's receipt of a standard certificate from the state in which the person participated in the accredited alternative certification program.

(e) The board may issue a temporary certificate under this section to an educator who holds a degree required by Subsection (a)(1) and a certificate or other credential required by Subsection (a)(2) but who has not satisfied the requirements prescribed by Subsection (a)(3). Subject to Subsection (f), the board may specify the term of a temporary certificate issued under this subsection.

(f) A temporary certificate issued under Subsection (e) to an educator employed by a school district that has constructed or expanded at least one instructional facility as a result of increased student enrollment due to actions taken under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. Section 2687) may not expire before the first anniversary of the date on which the board completes the review of the educator's credentials and informs the educator of the examination or examinations under Section 21.048 on which the educator must perform successfully to receive a standard certificate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.