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H.B. No. 3568

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information for prospective teachers regarding the effectiveness of educator preparation programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0453 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0453. CONSUMER INFORMATION REGARDING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS. (a) To assist persons interested in obtaining teaching certification in selecting an educator preparation program, the board shall make the following information regarding educator preparation programs available on the board's Internet website:

(1) the results of any exit surveys given to program participants on completion of each program that involve evaluation of the program's effectiveness;

(2) statistics regarding the average length of time that persons completing each program remain in the teaching profession; and

(3) any other information determined appropriate by the board.

(b) The board shall:

(1) make written materials containing the information described by Subsection (a) available to interested persons on request; and

1 (2) require educator preparation programs to provide
2 the written materials described by Subdivision (1) to each person
3 interested in seeking admission to the program.

4 (c) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), the board may require
5 an educator preparation program to distribute an exit survey to
6 program participants on completion of the program.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.