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H.B. No. 3572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to assigning mentor teachers to new teachers in certain
3 subject areas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.458, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (a-1) and (e) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), each school district
8 shall assign a mentor teacher to each classroom teacher who has less
9 than one year of teaching experience and is teaching a mathematics
10 or science course at a high school grade level. A teacher assigned
11 as a mentor under this subsection must:

12 (1) teach in the same school;

13 (2) teach the same subject area; and

14 (3) meet the qualifications prescribed by
15 commissioner rules adopted under Subsection (b).

16 (e) Information obtained by a mentor regarding a new teacher
17 as a result of the mentoring relationship under this section is
18 confidential, except that the mentor may share the information with
19 school district personnel as otherwise required by state or federal
20 law.

21 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
22 school year.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 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, 2009.