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H.B. No. 4152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certification of an educator in Texas who is certified in another state or country.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.052, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

(a) The board shall ~~may~~ issue a certificate to an educator who applies for a certificate and:

(1) holds:

(A) a degree issued by an institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency or group that is recognized by a nationally recognized accreditation board; or

(B) a degree issued by an institution located in a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree described by Paragraph (A);

(2) holds an appropriate certificate or other credential issued by another state or country; ~~and~~

(3) performs satisfactorily on:

(A) the examination prescribed under Section 21.048; or

(B) if the educator holds a certificate or other credential issued by another state or country, an examination similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph

1 (A) administered to the educator under the authority of that state;
2 and

3 (4) holds a certificate or other credential issued by
4 another state or country to teach mathematics, science, special
5 education, or bilingual education, or another subject area that the
6 commissioner determines has a shortage of teachers.

7 (e) An educator who receives a certificate as provided by
8 Subsection (a) must perform satisfactorily on the examination
9 prescribed under Section 21.048 not later than the second
10 anniversary of the date the certificate under Subsection (a) was
11 issued.

12 (f) The board shall post on the board's Internet website the
13 procedures for obtaining a certificate under Subsection (a).

14 (g) The commissioner shall provide guidance to school
15 districts that employ an educator certified as provided by
16 Subsection (a) on procedures to classify the educator as a highly
17 qualified teacher in a manner consistent with the No Child Left
18 Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.).

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.