

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1290  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2009; March 17, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 31, 2009,  
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
1-5 March 31, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to authorization for school districts to provide mentors  
1-9 for teachers assigned to a new subject or grade level.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.458, Education Code,  
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) Each school district may assign a mentor teacher to each  
1-14 classroom teacher who has less than two years of teaching  
1-15 experience in the subject or grade level to which the teacher is  
1-16 assigned. A teacher assigned as a mentor must:

1-17 (1) teach in the same school;

1-18 (2) to the extent practicable, teach the same subject  
1-19 or grade level, as applicable; and

1-20 (3) meet the qualifications prescribed by  
1-21 commissioner rules adopted under Subsection (b).

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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