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H.B. No. 135

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 135:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to field experience requirements for educator certification.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.051, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.051. RULES REGARDING FIELD EXPERIENCE AND OPTIONS FOR FIELD EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS. (a) In this section, "teacher of record" means a person employed by a school district who teaches the majority of the instructional day in an academic instructional setting and is responsible for evaluating student achievement and assigning grades.

(b) Before a school district may employ a candidate for certification as a teacher of record, the candidate must complete at least 15 hours of field experience in which the candidate is physically present in a classroom assisting with instruction of students by preparing lesson plans and delivering instruction to students under the supervision of a teacher of record at:

(1) a public school campus accredited for the purpose by the agency; or

(2) a private school recognized for the purpose by the agency.

(c) Subsection (b) does not affect the period within which an individual must complete field experience hours as determined by

1 board rule if the individual is not accepted into an educator
2 preparation program before the deadline prescribed by board rule
3 and is hired for a teaching assignment by a school district after
4 the deadline prescribed by board rule.

5 (d) The board shall propose rules relating to the field
6 experience required by Subsection (b). The commissioner by rule
7 shall adopt procedures and standards for recognizing a private
8 school under Subsection (b)(2).

9 (e) The board shall propose rules providing flexible
10 options for persons for any field experience or internship required
11 for certification.

12 SECTION 2. On or before January 1, 2012, the State Board for
13 Educator Certification shall propose rules relating to educator
14 certification as prescribed by Section 21.051, Education Code, as
15 amended by this Act.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.