

AN ACT

relating to public school educator preparation and alternative certification 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. INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION. (a) The board shall require an educator preparation program to provide candidates for teacher certification with information concerning the following:

(1) skills and responsibilities required of teachers;

(2) expectations for student performance based on state standards;

(3) the current supply of and demand for teachers in this state;

(4) the importance of developing classroom management skills; and

(5) the state's framework for appraisal of teachers and principals.

(b) The board may propose rules as necessary for administration of this section, including rules to ensure that accurate and consistent information is provided by all educator preparation programs.

SECTION 2. Section 21.048(a), Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (a) The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive
3 examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board. The
4 commissioner shall determine the satisfactory level of performance
5 required for each certification examination. For the issuance of a
6 generalist certificate, the commissioner shall require a
7 satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject
8 covered by the examination.

9 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 21.061 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 21.061. REVIEW AND UPDATING OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION
12 PROGRAMS. The board shall, after consulting with appropriate
13 higher education faculty and public school teachers and
14 administrators and soliciting advice from other interested persons
15 with relevant knowledge and experience, develop and carry out a
16 process for reviewing and, as necessary, updating standards and
17 requirements for educator preparation programs.

18 SECTION 4. The State Board for Educator Certification shall
19 complete an initial review of and implement any updated standards
20 and requirements for educator preparation and alternative
21 certification programs as required by Section 21.061, Education
22 Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2014.

23 SECTION 5. Not later than January 1, 2014, the commissioner
24 of education shall determine performance levels for certification
25 examinations as provided by Section 21.048(a), Education Code, as
26 amended by this Act.

27 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2318 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2318 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2318 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor