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H.B. No. 2933

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to certification as teachers of persons with advanced
3 degrees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 21.0491 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.0491. CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS WITH ADVANCED
8 DEGREES. (a) As provided by this section, the board shall issue a
9 certificate to a person who holds at least a master's degree in a
10 subject that authorizes the person to teach that subject to
11 students in grade levels 7 through 12.

12 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a), a person's degree must
13 be issued by an institution accredited by a regional accrediting
14 agency or group that is recognized by a nationally recognized
15 accreditation board or be an equivalent degree issued by an
16 institution located in a foreign country.

17 (c) A person entitled to a certificate under this section is
18 not required to complete a traditional or alternative educator
19 preparation program or perform satisfactorily on otherwise
20 applicable certification examinations prescribed under Section
21 21.048 before issuance of the certificate, but must submit an
22 application to the board that contains information necessary to
23 complete a national criminal history record information review and
24 any other information required by the board.

1 (d) A person who has submitted all information required by
2 the board and who receives a certificate as provided by this section
3 must perform satisfactorily on the applicable examinations
4 prescribed under Section 21.048 not later than the first
5 anniversary of the date the board completes the review of the
6 person's credentials and informs the person of the applicable
7 examinations.

8 (e) The board shall revoke the certificate of a person who
9 fails to comply with Subsection (d).

10 (f) The board is not required to issue a certificate under
11 this section to a person who does not satisfy the board's
12 requirements relating to criminal history.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.