

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for obtaining a health science technology education teaching certificate and to the scope of courses a person may teach holding a technology applications teaching certificate.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, as amended by Chapters 635 (S.B. 866) and 926 (S.B. 1620), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.044. EDUCATOR PREPARATION. (a) The board shall propose rules establishing the training requirements a person must accomplish to obtain a certificate, enter an internship, or enter an induction-year program. The board shall specify the minimum academic qualifications required for a certificate.

(b) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as part of the curriculum for that degree, instruction in detection and education of students with dyslexia. This subsection does not apply to a person who obtains a certificate through an alternative certification program adopted under Section 21.049.

(c) The instruction under Subsection (b) must:

(1) be developed by a panel of experts in the diagnosis

1 and treatment of dyslexia who are:

2 (A) employed by institutions of higher
3 education; and

4 (B) approved by the board; and

5 (2) include information on:

6 (A) characteristics of dyslexia;

7 (B) identification of dyslexia; and

8 (C) effective, multisensory strategies for
9 teaching students with dyslexia.

10 (d) [~~(b)~~] In proposing rules under this section, the board
11 shall specify that to obtain a certificate to teach an "applied STEM
12 course," as that term is defined by Section 28.027, at a secondary
13 school, a person must:

14 (1) pass the certification test administered by the
15 recognized national or international business and industry group
16 that created the curriculum the applied STEM course is based on; and

17 (2) have at a minimum:

18 (A) an associate degree from an accredited
19 institution of higher education; and

20 (B) three years of work experience in an
21 occupation for which the applied STEM course is intended to prepare
22 the student.

23 (e) In proposing rules under this section for a person to
24 obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education
25 course, the board shall specify that a person must have:

26 (1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from
27 an accredited institution of higher education;

1 (2) current licensure, certification, or registration
2 as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally
3 recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and

4 (3) at least two years of wage earning experience
5 utilizing the licensure requirement.

6 (f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to
7 teach a health science technology education course that specify
8 that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any
9 other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed
10 the requirements under Subsection (e).

11 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 21.0486 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 21.0486. TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS CERTIFICATION. A
14 person who holds a technology applications certificate issued under
15 this subchapter may, in addition to teaching technology
16 applications courses as authorized under the certificate, teach
17 courses in:

18 (1) principles of arts, audio/video technology, and
19 communications; and

20 (2) principles of information technology.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3573 was passed by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3573 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor