

1-1 By: Aycock (Senate Sponsor - Patrick) H.B. No. 3573
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2013;
 1-3 May 13, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 17, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the requirements for obtaining a health science
 1-20 technology education teaching certificate and to the scope of
 1-21 courses a person may teach holding a technology applications
 1-22 teaching certificate.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, as amended by
 1-25 Chapters 635 (S.B. 866) and 926 (S.B. 1620), Acts of the 82nd
 1-26 Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is reenacted and amended to
 1-27 read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 21.044. EDUCATOR PREPARATION. (a) The board shall
 1-29 propose rules establishing the training requirements a person must
 1-30 accomplish to obtain a certificate, enter an internship, or enter
 1-31 an induction-year program. The board shall specify the minimum
 1-32 academic qualifications required for a certificate.

1-33 (b) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate
 1-34 specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a
 1-35 bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as
 1-36 part of the curriculum for that degree, instruction in detection
 1-37 and education of students with dyslexia. This subsection does not
 1-38 apply to a person who obtains a certificate through an alternative
 1-39 certification program adopted under Section 21.049.

1-40 (c) The instruction under Subsection (b) must:

1-41 (1) be developed by a panel of experts in the diagnosis
 1-42 and treatment of dyslexia who are:

1-43 (A) employed by institutions of higher
 1-44 education; and

1-45 (B) approved by the board; and

1-46 (2) include information on:

1-47 (A) characteristics of dyslexia;

1-48 (B) identification of dyslexia; and

1-49 (C) effective, multisensory strategies for
 1-50 teaching students with dyslexia.

1-51 (d) ~~(b)~~ In proposing rules under this section, the board
 1-52 shall specify that to obtain a certificate to teach an "applied STEM
 1-53 course," as that term is defined by Section 28.027, at a secondary
 1-54 school, a person must:

1-55 (1) pass the certification test administered by the
 1-56 recognized national or international business and industry group
 1-57 that created the curriculum the applied STEM course is based on; and

1-58 (2) have at a minimum:

1-59 (A) an associate degree from an accredited
 1-60 institution of higher education; and

1-61 (B) three years of work experience in an

2-1 occupation for which the applied STEM course is intended to prepare
2-2 the student.

2-3 (e) In proposing rules under this section for a person to
2-4 obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education
2-5 course, the board shall specify that a person must have:

2-6 (1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from
2-7 an accredited institution of higher education;

2-8 (2) current licensure, certification, or registration
2-9 as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally
2-10 recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and

2-11 (3) at least two years of wage earning experience
2-12 utilizing the licensure requirement.

2-13 (f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to
2-14 teach a health science technology education course that specify
2-15 that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any
2-16 other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed
2-17 the requirements under Subsection (e).

2-18 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
2-19 amended by adding Section 21.0486 to read as follows:

2-20 Sec. 21.0486. TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS CERTIFICATION. A
2-21 person who holds a technology applications certificate issued under
2-22 this subchapter may, in addition to teaching technology
2-23 applications courses as authorized under the certificate, teach
2-24 courses in:

2-25 (1) principles of arts, audio/video technology, and
2-26 communications; and

2-27 (2) principles of information technology.

2-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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