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H.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of school district teaching permits to persons who teach career and technical education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.055, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for a school district teaching permit under this section, a person must hold a baccalaureate degree. ~~[This subsection does not apply to a person who will teach only career and technology education.]~~

(d-1) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) do not apply to a person who will teach only career and technical education. A school board may issue a school district teaching permit to a person who will teach courses only in career and technical education based upon qualifications certified by the superintendent of the school district. Qualifications must include demonstrated subject matter expertise obtained through professional work experience, or formal training and education, or a combination thereof. The superintendent of the school district shall certify to the school board that the new employee has undergone a criminal background check and is capable of proper classroom management. A school district shall require the new employee to obtain at least twenty (20) hours of classroom management training, and shall comply with

1 continuing education requirements as determined by the school
2 board. The person may teach a career and technical education course
3 immediately upon issuance of the permit. The school board,
4 promptly after employing a person under this subsection, shall send
5 to the commissioner a written statement identifying the person, the
6 course(s) the person will teach, and the person's qualifications to
7 teach the course(s).

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
9 school year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.