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H.B. No. 1601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility of certain school district employees for certification as a principal.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.046, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A school district employee is entitled to obtain certification as a principal without complying with otherwise applicable requirements, including completion of a principal educator preparation program and successful performance on a certification examination, if the employee:

(1) holds a master's degree from a university that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

(2) has at least 15 years of service with the same school district.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.