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H.B. No. 2205

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to educator preparation programs, including the appointment of a member of the State Board for Educator Certification with experience and knowledge of alternative educator preparation programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.033, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) One voting member of the board appointed by the governor must have experience and knowledge regarding alternative educator preparation programs.

SECTION 2. Section 21.0451(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall propose rules for the sanction of educator preparation programs that do not meet accountability standards and shall annually review the accreditation status of each educator preparation program. The rules:

(1) shall provide for the assignment of the following accreditation statuses:

- (A) not rated;
- (B) accredited;
- (C) accredited-warned;
- (D) accredited-probation; and
- (E) not accredited-revoked;

(2) may provide for the agency to take any necessary action, including one or more of the following actions:

(A) requiring the program to obtain technical assistance approved by the agency or board;

(B) requiring the program to obtain professional services under contract with another person;

(C) appointing a monitor to participate in and report to the board on the activities of the program; and

(D) if a program has been rated as accredited-probation under the Accountability System for Educator Preparation for a period of at least one year, revoking the approval of the program and ordering the program to be closed, provided that the board or agency must provide the opportunity for a hearing before the effective date of the closure; ~~and~~

(3) shall provide for the agency to revoke the approval of the program and order the program to be closed if the program has been rated as accredited-probation under the Accountability System for Educator Preparation for three consecutive years, provided that the board or agency must provide the opportunity for a hearing before the effective date of the closure; and

(4) shall provide the board procedure for changing the accreditation status of a program that:

(A) does not meet the accreditation standards established under Section 21.045(a); or

(B) violates a board or agency regulation.

SECTION 3. Sections 21.0452(b), (c), and (d), Education

1 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2 (b) The board shall make available at least the following
3 information regarding each educator preparation program:

4 (1) the information specified in Sections [21.045](#)(a)
5 and (b);

6 (2) in addition to any other appropriate information
7 indicating the quality of persons admitted to the program, the
8 average academic qualifications possessed by persons admitted to
9 the program, including:

10 (A) average overall grade point average and
11 average grade point average in specific subject areas; and

12 (B) average scores on the Scholastic Assessment
13 Test (SAT), the American College Test (ACT), or the Graduate Record
14 Examination (GRE), as applicable;

15 (3) the degree to which persons who complete the
16 program are successful in obtaining teaching positions;

17 (4) the extent to which the program prepares teachers,
18 including general education teachers and special education
19 teachers, to effectively teach:

20 (A) students with disabilities; and

21 (B) students of limited English proficiency, as
22 defined by Section [29.052](#);

23 (5) the activities offered by the program that are
24 designed to prepare teachers to:

25 (A) integrate technology effectively into
26 curricula and instruction, including activities consistent with
27 the principles of universal design for learning; and

1 (B) use technology effectively to collect,
2 manage, and analyze data to improve teaching and learning for the
3 purpose of increasing student academic achievement;

4 (6) the ratio of field supervisors to candidates
5 completing student teaching, clinical teaching, or an internship in
6 an educator preparation program;

7 (7) the percentage of teachers employed under a
8 standard teaching certificate within one year of completing the
9 program;

10 (8) the perseverance of beginning teachers in the
11 profession, as determined on the basis of the number of beginning
12 teachers who maintain status as active contributing members in the
13 Teacher Retirement System of Texas for at least three years after
14 certification in comparison to similar programs;

15 (9) ~~(7)~~ the results of exit surveys given to program
16 participants on completion of the program that involve evaluation
17 of the program's effectiveness in preparing participants to succeed
18 in the classroom; and

19 (10) ~~(8)~~ the results of surveys given to school
20 principals that involve evaluation of the program's effectiveness
21 in preparing participants to succeed in the classroom, based on
22 experience with employed program participants.

23 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b)(9) ~~(b)(7)~~, the board
24 shall require an educator preparation program to distribute an exit
25 survey that a program participant must complete before the
26 participant is eligible to receive a certificate under this
27 subchapter.

1 (d) For purposes of Subsections (b)(9) [~~(b)(7)~~] and (10)
2 [~~(8)~~], the board shall develop surveys for distribution to program
3 participants and school principals.

4 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 21.0454 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 21.0454. FIELD SUPERVISORS. The board shall propose
7 rules to establish minimum standards for field supervisor to
8 candidate ratios in educator preparation programs to ensure the
9 effective supervision of candidates.

10 SECTION 5. Section [21.033\(a-1\)](#), Education Code, as added by
11 this Act, regarding the qualifications of one voting member of the
12 State Board for Educator Certification, does not affect the
13 entitlement of a member serving on the board immediately before the
14 effective date of this Act to continue to serve as a member of the
15 board for the remainder of the member's term. After a term of a
16 voting member expires on February 1, 2017, the governor shall
17 appoint a member who meets the requirements under Section
18 [21.033\(a-1\)](#), Education Code, as added by this Act.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.