

AN ACT

relating to providing training academies for public school teachers who provide mathematics instruction to students in kindergarten through grade three.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.4553 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.4553. TEACHER MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMIES.

(a) The commissioner shall develop and make available mathematics achievement academies for teachers who provide mathematics instruction to students at the kindergarten or first, second, or third grade level.

(b) A mathematics achievement academy developed under this section must include training in effective and systematic instructional practices in mathematics, including problem solving, the place value system, whole number operations, and fractions.

(c) The commissioner shall adopt criteria for selecting teachers who may attend a mathematics achievement academy. In adopting selection criteria under this subsection, the commissioner shall:

(1) require granting a priority to teachers employed by a school district at a campus at which 50 percent or more of the students enrolled are educationally disadvantaged; and

(2) provide a process through which a teacher not

1 employed at a campus described by Subdivision (1) may attend the  
2 academy if the academy has available space and the school district  
3 employing the teacher pays the costs of the teacher's attendance.

4 (d) From funds appropriated for that purpose, a teacher who  
5 attends a mathematics achievement academy is entitled to receive a  
6 stipend in the amount determined by the commissioner. A stipend  
7 received under this subsection is not considered in determining  
8 whether a district is paying the teacher the minimum monthly salary  
9 under Section 21.402.

10 (e) On request of the commissioner, regional education  
11 service centers shall assist the commissioner and agency with  
12 training and other activities relating to the development and  
13 operation of mathematics achievement academies.

14 (f) This section expires September 1, 2027.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 934 passed the Senate on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 934 passed the House, with amendment, on May 18, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 11, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor