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S.B. No. 1309

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1309:

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C.S.S.B. No. 1309

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the establishment of a Junior Reserve Officer Training  
3 Corps teaching certificate and eligibility of such certified  
4 teacher for other educator certification.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 21.0487 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 21.0487. JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS TEACHER  
9 CERTIFICATION. (a) The board shall establish a standard Junior  
10 Reserve Officer Training Corps teaching certificate to provide  
11 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instruction.

12 (b) To be eligible for a certificate under this section, a  
13 person must:

14 (1) hold a bachelor's degree from an institution of  
15 higher education that is, and at the time the person received the  
16 degree was, accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting  
17 organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
18 Board;

19 (2) satisfy the eligibility and testing requirements  
20 for certification as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps  
21 instructor established by the branch of service in which the person  
22 served; and

23 (3) complete an approved educator preparation  
24 program.

1       (c) The board shall propose rules to:

2               (1) approve educator preparation programs to prepare a  
3 person as a teacher for certification under this section; and

4               (2) establish requirements under which:

5                       (A) a person's training and experience acquired  
6 during the person's military service serves as proof of the person's  
7 demonstration of subject matter knowledge if that training and  
8 experience is verified by the branch of service in which the person  
9 served; and

10                      (B) a person's employment by a school district as  
11 a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor before the  
12 person was enrolled in an educator preparation program or while the  
13 person is enrolled in an educator preparation program is applied to  
14 satisfy any student teaching, internship, or field-based  
15 experience program requirement.

16       (d) A person is not required to hold a certificate  
17 established under this section to be employed by a school district  
18 as a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor.

19       SECTION 2. Section 21.046, Education Code, is amended by  
20 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

21       (e) For purposes of satisfying eligibility requirements for  
22 certification as a principal, a teacher who is certified under  
23 Section 21.0487:

24               (1) is considered to hold a classroom teaching  
25 certificate; and

26               (2) may apply as creditable years of teaching  
27 experience as a classroom teacher any period during which the

1 teacher was employed by a school district as a Junior Reserve  
2 Officer Training Corps instructor before or after the teacher was  
3 certified under Section 21.0487.

4 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2016, the State Board  
5 for Educator Certification shall propose rules relating to the  
6 establishment of a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps teaching  
7 certificate as provided by Section 21.0487, Education Code, as  
8 added by this Act.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.