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H.B. No. 157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for admission to an educator preparation program for certification in trade and industrial workforce training.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.0442(b), Education Code, as added by H.B. 3349, Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person is eligible for admission to an educator preparation program created under this section only if the person:

(1) has been issued a high school diploma, a high school equivalency certificate, or a postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree;

(2) has seven years of full-time wage-earning experience, including experience obtained while serving in the United States armed services, within the preceding 10 years in an approved occupation for which instruction is offered;

(3) holds with respect to that occupation a current license, certificate, or registration, as applicable, issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement; and

(4) within the period described by Subdivision (2), has not been the subject of a complaint filed with a licensing entity or other agency that regulates the occupation of the person,

1 other than a complaint that was determined baseless or unfounded by
2 that entity or agency.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect December 1, 2017.