

AN ACT

relating to temporary certification of an educator from outside the state who is the spouse of an active duty military service member.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.052, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1) and (d-1) and amending Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b-1) The board shall propose rules to establish procedures to expedite the processing of an application for a certificate under this section submitted by an educator who is the spouse of a person who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, including rules for providing the appropriate documentation to establish the educator's status as a spouse of a person who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States.

(c) The board may issue a temporary certificate under this section to an educator who holds a degree required by Subsection (a)(1) and a certificate or other credential required by Subsection (a)(2) but who has not satisfied the requirements prescribed by Subsection (a)(3). Subject to Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (d) and (d-1), the board may specify the term of a temporary certificate issued under this subsection.

(d-1) A temporary certificate issued under Subsection (c) to an educator who is the spouse of a person who is serving on active

1 duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States may not
2 expire before the third anniversary of the date on which the board
3 completes the review of the educator's credentials and informs the
4 educator of the examination or examinations under Section 21.048 on
5 which the educator must perform satisfactorily to receive a
6 standard certificate.

7 SECTION 2. The State Board for Educator Certification is
8 required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates
9 money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not
10 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the board may, but
11 is not required to, implement this Act using other appropriations
12 available for the purpose.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1934 was passed by the House on April 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1934 on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1934 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor