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H.B. No. 3044

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to educator preparation programs.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 21.051 Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.051. RULES REGARDING FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE AND OPTIONS FOR FIELD EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS. (a) In this section, "teacher of record" means a person employed by a school district who teaches the majority of the instructional day in an academic instructional setting and is responsible for evaluating student achievement and assigning grades.

(b) Before a school district may employ a candidate for certification as a teacher of record, the candidate must complete at least 15 hours of field-based experience, which may be obtained up to two years prior to, or subsequent to, admission in an educator preparation program. These field-based experiences may be obtained by observation of a Texas certified teacher ~~in which the candidate is~~ actively engaged in instructional or educational activities, or by serving as a substitute teacher or teachers aide ~~under supervision at:~~

(1) at a public school campus accredited or approved for the purpose by the agency; or

(2) at a private school recognized or approved for the purpose by the agency.

1 (c) Subsection (b) applies only to an initial certification
2 issued on or after September 1, 2012. Subsection (b) does not
3 affect:

4 (1) the validity of a certification issued before
5 September 1, 2012; or

6 (2) the eligibility of a person who holds a
7 certification issued before September 1, 2012, to obtain a
8 subsequent renewal of the certification in accordance with board
9 rule.

10 (d) Subsection (b) does not affect the period within which
11 an individual must complete field-based experience hours as
12 determined by board rule if the individual is not accepted into an
13 educator preparation program before the deadline prescribed by
14 board rule and is hired for a teaching assignment by a school
15 district after the deadline prescribed by board rule.

16 (e) The board shall propose rules relating to the
17 field-based experience required by Subsection (b). The
18 commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures and standards for
19 recognizing a private school under Subsection (b)(2).

20 (f) The board shall propose rules providing flexible
21 options for persons for any field-based experience or internship
22 required for certification.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.