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H.B. No. 3349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating an abbreviated certification program and a certificate for trade and industrial workforce training.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 21.0442 and 21.0491 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0442. EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CERTIFICATE. (a) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter to create an abbreviated educator preparation program for a person seeking certification in trade and industrial workforce training.

(b) Subject to Subsection (c), 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;

(2) has 10 years of full-time wage-earning experience within the preceding 12 years in an approved occupation for which instruction is offered; and

(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.

(c) The board may propose rules under which a person is eligible for admission under Subsection (b) if the person has five

1 years of full-time wage-earning experience within the preceding  
2 seven years in an approved occupation for which instruction is  
3 offered if the person holds an advanced license, certificate, or  
4 registration, as applicable, issued by a nationally recognized  
5 accrediting agency.

6 (d) In proposing rules for an educator preparation program  
7 under this section, the board shall ensure that the program  
8 requires:

9 (1) instruction in:

10 (A) a specific pedagogy;

11 (B) classroom management; and

12 (C) relevant federal and state education laws;

13 and

14 (2) at least 25 hours of instruction and not more than  
15 50 hours of instruction.

16 Sec. 21.0491. TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE TRAINING  
17 CERTIFICATE. (a) To provide a continuing additional source of  
18 teachers to provide workforce training, the board shall establish a  
19 trade and industrial workforce training certificate that may be  
20 obtained through an abbreviated educator preparation program under  
21 Section 21.0442.

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

24 (1) satisfactorily complete the course work for that  
25 certificate in an educator preparation program under Section  
26 21.0442;

27 (2) perform satisfactorily on a trade and industrial

1 workforce training certificate examination prescribed by the  
2 board; and

3 (3) satisfy any other requirements prescribed by the  
4 board.

5 SECTION 2. The State Board for Educator Certification shall  
6 propose rules:

7 (1) establishing requirements and prescribing an  
8 examination for a trade and industrial workforce training  
9 certificate examination as required by Section 21.0491, Education  
10 Code, as added by this Act; and

11 (2) establishing standards to govern the approval and  
12 renewal of approval of educator preparation programs for  
13 certification in trade and industrial workforce training.

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