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S.B. No. 1963

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requirements for educator preparation program support
3 for certain candidates for certification.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

7 (f-1) Board rules addressing ongoing educator preparation
8 program support for a candidate seeking certification in a
9 certification class other than classroom teacher may not require
10 that an educator preparation program conduct one or more formal
11 observations of the candidate on the candidate's site in a
12 face-to-face setting. The rules must permit each required formal
13 observation to occur on the candidate's site or through use of
14 electronic transmission or other video-based or technology-based
15 method.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.