1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 1963 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 27, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 9, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; 1-2 1-3 1-4 May 9, 2017, sent to printer.) 1-5

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Taylor of Galveston	Х			
1-9	Lucio	Х			
1-10	Bettencourt	Х			_
1-11	Campbell	Х			
1-12	Hall	Х			
1-13	Huffines	Х			_
1-14	Hughes	Х			
1-15	Seliger	Х			
1-16	Taylor of Collin	Х			
1-17	Uresti	Х			
1-18	West	Х			

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to requirements for educator preparation program support 1-21 1-22 1-23 for certain candidates for certification. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 21.044, Education Code, is amended by 1-25 adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f-1) Board rules addressing ongoing educator preparation program support for a candidate seeking certification in a certification class other than classroom teacher may not require 1-26 1-27 1-28 that an educator preparation program conduct one or more formal 1-29 1-30 observations of the candidate on the candidate's site in a face-to-face setting. The rules must permit each required formal 1-31 observation to occur on the candidate's site or through use of electronic transmission or other video-based or technology-based 1-32 1-33 1-34 method.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-36 1-37 1-38 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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