By:  Ashby, Huberty (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 3217

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019; April 30, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Administration; May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Fallon          X

Huffman         X

Johnson         X

Menéndez                  X

Nichols         X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain eligibility requirements for issuance of a teaching certificate.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 21.050, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.050.  ACADEMIC DEGREE REQUIRED FOR TEACHING CERTIFICATE; FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE OR INTERNSHIP.

SECTION 2.  Sections 21.050(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  A person who applies for a teaching certificate for which board rules require a bachelor's degree must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, [~~other than education,~~] that is related to the curriculum as prescribed under Subchapter A, Chapter 28.

(b)  [~~The board may not require more than 18 semester credit hours of education courses at the baccalaureate level for the granting of a teaching certificate.~~] The board shall provide for a minimum number of semester credit hours of field-based experience or internship to be included in the credit hours needed for certification. The board may propose rules requiring additional credit hours for certification in bilingual education, English as a second language, early childhood education, or special education.

SECTION 3.  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 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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