By:  Gervin-Hawkins H.B. No. 4516

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating abbreviated educator preparation programs for certification in marketing and certification in health science.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0444 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0444.  EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS FOR MARKETING CERTIFICATE AND FOR HEALTH SCIENCE CERTIFICATE. (a) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter to create abbreviated educator preparation programs for a candidate seeking:

(1)  a certification to teach courses in marketing; and

(2)  a certification to teach courses in health science.

(b)  In proposing rules for educator preparation programs under this section, the board shall ensure that each program at a minimum requires 200 hours of coursework or training.

SECTION 2.  The State Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules establishing standards to govern the approval and renewal of approval of educator preparation programs for certification in marketing and certification in health science.

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.