

1-1 By: Ashby (Senate Sponsor - Fallon) H.B. No. 2424  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2019;  
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education; May 15, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Fallon	X			
1-13 Hall	X			
1-14 Hughes	X			
1-15 Paxton	X			
1-16 Powell	X			
1-17 Watson	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2424 By: Watson

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the creation of a micro-credential certification  
 1-24 program for public school educator continuing education.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 21.054, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-27 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (i) to read as  
 1-28 follows:

1-29 (a) The board shall propose rules establishing a process for  
 1-30 identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill  
 1-31 educators' continuing education requirements, including  
 1-32 opportunities for educators to receive micro-credentials in fields  
 1-33 of study related to the educator's certification class as provided  
 1-34 by Subsection (i).

1-35 (i) The board shall propose rules establishing a program to  
 1-36 issue micro-credentials in fields of study related to an educator's  
 1-37 certification class. The agency shall approve continuing education  
 1-38 providers to offer micro-credential courses. A micro-credential  
 1-39 received by an educator shall be recorded on the agency's Educator  
 1-40 Certification Online System (ECOS) and included as part of the  
 1-41 educator's public certification records.

1-42 SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency is required to  
 1-43 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature  
 1-44 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the  
 1-45 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that  
 1-46 purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to,  
 1-47 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations  
 1-48 available for that purpose.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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