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H.B. No. 3628

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C.S.H.B. No. 3628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a special education certification to teach
students with disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
amended by adding Section 21.04891 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.04891. SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION. (a) To
ensure that there are teachers with special training in providing
instruction to students with disabilities, the board shall
establish a special education certificate.

(b) To be eligible for a certificate established under this
section, a person must:

(1) satisfactorily complete the course work or
training for that certificate in an educator preparation program,
including a knowledge-based and skills-based course of instruction
or field-based experience in providing instruction to students with
disabilities;

(2) perform satisfactorily on a special education
certificate examination prescribed by the board; and

(3) satisfy any other requirements prescribed by the
board.

SECTION 2. The State Board for Educator Certification shall
propose rules:

(1) establishing requirements and prescribing an

1 examination for a special education certificate examination as
2 required by Section 21.04891, Education Code, as added by this Act;
3 and

4 (2) establishing standards to govern the approval and
5 renewal of approval of educator preparation programs for special
6 education certification.

7 SECTION 3. Beginning on or after January 1, 2021, a person
8 must satisfy the requirements for certification under Section
9 21.04891, Education Code, as added by this Act, to receive a
10 certification in special education.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.