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S.B. No. 1559

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the hiring of retired classroom teachers or retired education professionals to serve as mentor teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.458, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A school district may contract with a retired classroom teacher or a retired education professional to provide mentoring to teachers in the district under this section. A mentor teacher hired under this subsection must:

(1) comply with Subsections (b)(1) and (2); and

(2) meet the qualifications required under Subsection (b)(3).

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

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.