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H.B. No. 3454

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain employment and occupational licensing restrictions based on a person's prior conviction.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.092, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) Notwithstanding any other law, a person is not ineligible for employment in a public school as a food service worker solely because the person has been convicted of a nonviolent, nonsexual offense.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 53, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 53.027 to read as follows:

Sec. 53.027. ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN LICENSES. (a) This section applies only to a license issued under:

(1) Title 3;

(2) Title 7;

(3) Title 8; or

(4) Title 12.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, an applicant may not be denied a license to which this section applies based solely on the applicant having been convicted of a nonviolent, nonsexual offense.

SECTION 3. Section 522.081, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) Notwithstanding any other law, a person may not be

1 disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle based solely  
2 on the person having been convicted of a nonviolent, nonsexual  
3 offense.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.