

Amend CSSB 9 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

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

(a) The board shall propose rules establishing a process for identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill educators' continuing education requirements, including opportunities for educators to receive micro-credentials, as provided by Subsection (i), in:

(1) fields of study related to the educator's certification class; or

(2) digital teaching [as provided by Subsection (i)].

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

(i-1) In proposing rules under Subsection (i) for micro-credentials related to digital teaching, the board shall engage relevant stakeholders.