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H.B. No. 4656

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a temporary teaching certificate for teachers certified by other states.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0521 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0521. TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS FROM OUTSIDE THIS STATE. (a) The board shall:

(1) establish a temporary teaching certificate for classroom teachers certified by other states; and

(2) immediately issue a certificate described by Subdivision (1) to an applicant for the certificate who meets the eligibility requirements under Subsection (b).

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

(1) hold a valid, unexpired certificate or similar credential in another state that qualifies the person to provide classroom instruction in that state;

(2) possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; and

(3) have applied for a certificate issued under Section 21.052.

(c) A certificate issued under this section expires on the earlier of:

1 (1) the first anniversary of the date the certificate
2 is issued; or

3 (2) the date the person is issued a certificate under
4 Section 21.052.

5 (d) A certificate issued under this section may not be
6 reissued or renewed.

7 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
8 of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall adopt
9 rules necessary to implement this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.