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H.B. No. 5099

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of a grant program to assist certain  
3 current and former peace officers in receiving a teacher  
4 certification.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 21.066 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 21.066. TEACHER CERTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR PEACE  
9 OFFICERS. (a) From money appropriated or otherwise available for  
10 the purpose, the board shall establish a grant program to enable  
11 eligible persons to receive a teacher certification under this  
12 subchapter.

13 (b) To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, a  
14 person must:

15 (1) be:

16 (A) a peace officer, as defined by Article 2.12,  
17 Code of Criminal Procedure; or

18 (B) a retired peace officer, as defined by  
19 Section 1701.3161, Occupations Code; and

20 (2) hold a bachelor's degree from an institution of  
21 higher education that is, and at the time the person received the  
22 degree was, accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting  
23 organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
24 Board.

1        (c) A grant awarded under this section may be used only to  
2 pay:

3            (1) the costs of an educator preparation program or  
4 alternative educator certification program; or

5            (2) a fee assessed for the administration of an  
6 examination prescribed under Section [21.048](#) for teacher  
7 certification.

8        (d) The board shall propose rules necessary to implement  
9 this section.

10        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.