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S.B. No. 544

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the issuance of a teaching certificate to certain
3 applicants with experience as instructors for the Community College
4 of the Air Force.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 21.052, Education Code,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 21.052. CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATORS WITH CREDENTIALS
9 FROM ANOTHER ENTITY [~~OUTSIDE THE STATE~~].

10 SECTION 2. Section 21.052, Education Code, is amended by
11 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-2) and (a-3) to
12 read as follows:

13 (a) The board may issue a certificate to an educator who
14 applies for a certificate and:

15 (1) holds:

16 (A) a degree issued by an institution accredited
17 by a regional accrediting agency or group that is recognized by a
18 nationally recognized accreditation board; or

19 (B) a degree issued by an institution located in
20 a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree described
21 by Paragraph (A);

22 (2) either:

23 (A) holds an appropriate certificate or other
24 credential issued by another state or country; or

1 (B) has at least two semesters' experience as a
2 full-time instructor for the Community College of the Air Force;
3 and

4 (3) performs satisfactorily on:

5 (A) the examination prescribed under Section
6 [21.048](#); or

7 (B) if the educator holds a certificate or other
8 credential issued by another state or country, an examination
9 similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph
10 (A) administered to the educator under the authority of that state.

11 (a-2) An applicant described by Subsection (a)(2)(B) may
12 fulfill the examination requirements under Subsection (a)(3) by
13 performing satisfactorily on one examination prescribed under
14 Section [21.048](#) in the subject area in which the applicant intends to
15 teach.

16 (a-3) An applicant is not eligible for certification as a
17 superintendent or principal under this section based on the
18 credentials described under Subsection (a)(2)(B).

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.