

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Shaheen

H.B. No. 621

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0444 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0444. TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION TO TEACH CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS. (a) This section applies to a person seeking certification to teach career and technology education who:

(1) has served in the armed forces of the United States; and

(2) was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty.

(b) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter providing for the issuance of a temporary certificate to teach career and technology education to a person described by Subsection (a) who meets all other eligibility requirements for standard certification to teach career and technology education, except that the person may substitute for a requirement that the person hold:

(1) an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education, 48 months of active duty military service described by Subsection (a); or

(2) a bachelor's degree:

1 (A) the military service described by
2 Subdivision (1); and

3 (B) 60 semester credit hours completed at a
4 public or private institution of higher education with a minimum
5 grade point average of at least 2.50 on a four-point scale.

6 (c) Rules proposed by the board for a temporary certificate
7 issued under this section must provide that the certificate is:

8 (1) valid for no more than three years;

9 (2) limited to a one-time issuance; and

10 (3) not subject to renewal.

11 (d) A person issued a temporary certificate under this
12 section may be issued a standard certificate if the person
13 completes all eligibility requirements required for that
14 certification.

15 (e) A school district shall require a new employee who holds
16 a temporary certificate issued under this section to obtain at
17 least 20 hours of classroom management training, unless the new
18 employee has documented experience as an instructor or trainer
19 during the employee's required 48 months of active duty military
20 service.

21 SECTION 2. Section 21.458, Education Code, is amended by
22 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as
23 follows:

24 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), each ~~Each~~
25 school district may assign a mentor teacher to each classroom
26 teacher who has less than two years of teaching experience in the
27 subject or grade level to which the teacher is assigned. A teacher

1 assigned as a mentor must:

2 (1) to the extent practicable, teach in the same
3 school;

4 (2) to the extent practicable, teach the same subject
5 or grade level, as applicable; and

6 (3) meet the qualifications prescribed by
7 commissioner rules adopted under Subsection (b).

8 (a-2) A school district shall assign a mentor teacher to a
9 classroom teacher who has been issued a temporary certificate to
10 teach career and technology education under Section 21.0444 for at
11 least two school years.

12 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
13 of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall
14 propose rules relating to temporary certificates to teach career
15 and technology education for certain military service members as
16 required by Section 21.0444, Education Code, as added by this Act.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

By: Hughes

Substitute the following for ___ .B. No. _____ :

By: Ben Bindwell

ADOPTED

MAY 16 2023. No. 621

Lacey Shaw
Secretary of the Senate

____ .B. No. _____

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members and first responders.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0444 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0444. TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. (a) In this section, "first responder" means a person elected, employed, or appointed as:

(1) a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) fire protection personnel as defined by Section 419.021, Government Code; or

(3) emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code.

(b) This section applies to a person seeking certification who:

(1) has served in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty; or

(2) has served as a first responder and, while in good standing and not because of pending or final disciplinary actions or a documented performance problem, retired, resigned, or separated from employment as a first responder.

(c) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter providing for the issuance of a temporary certificate to a person described by Subsection (b) who meets all other eligibility requirements for standard certification, except that the person may substitute for a requirement that the person hold:

(1) an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education, 48 months of active duty military service or service as a first responder; or

(2) a bachelor's degree:

(A) the military service or service as a first responder described by Subdivision (1); and

(B) 60 semester credit hours completed at a public or private institution of higher education with a minimum grade point average of at least 2.50 on a four-point scale.

(d) Rules proposed by the board for a temporary certificate issued under this section must provide that the certificate is:

(1) valid for no more than three years;

(2) limited to a one-time issuance; and

(3) not subject to renewal.

(e) A person issued a temporary certificate under this section may be issued a standard certificate if the person completes all eligibility requirements required for that certification.

(f) A school district shall require a new employee who holds a temporary certificate issued under this section to obtain at least 20 hours of classroom management training, unless the new employee has documented experience as an instructor or trainer during the employee's required 48 months of active duty military service or service as a first responder.

SECTION 2. Section 21.458, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-2), each ~~Each~~ school district may assign a mentor teacher to each classroom teacher who has less than two years of teaching experience in the subject or grade level to which the teacher is assigned. A teacher assigned as a mentor must:

- (1) to the extent practicable, teach in the same school;
- (2) to the extent practicable, teach the same subject or grade level, as applicable; and
- (3) meet the qualifications prescribed by commissioner rules adopted under Subsection (b).

(a-2) A school district shall assign a mentor teacher to a classroom teacher who has been issued a temporary certificate under Section 21.0444 for at least two school years.

SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the State Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules relating to temporary educator certificates for certain military service members and first responders as required by Section 21.0444, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 17, 2023

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB621 by Shaheen (Relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members and first responders.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, KSk, SL, ENA

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 11, 2023

TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB621 by Shaheen (relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members and first responders.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, KSk, SL, ENA

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 9, 2023

TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB621** by Shaheen (Relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, KSk, ENA, ASA

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 14, 2023

TO: Honorable Brad Buckley, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB621 by Shaheen (relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, KSk, ENA, ASA

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 6, 2023

TO: Honorable Brad Buckley, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB621 by Shaheen (Relating to creating a temporary educator certification for certain military service members.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, KSk, ASA, ENA