

Amend CSSB 26 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill, amending Section 21.3521, Education Code, strike page 1, line 28, and substitute "amending Subsections (a), (c), and (e) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), (d-1), and".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 21.3521, Education Code (page 1, between lines 34 and 35), insert the following:

(c) Notwithstanding performance standards established under Subsection (b) and except as provided by Subsection (c-1), a classroom teacher that holds a National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards may be designated as nationally board certified [~~recognized~~]. A classroom teacher's designation under this subsection is valid until the earlier of:

(1) the date on which the designation expires; or

(2) September 1, 2028.

(c-1) A classroom teacher who has made substantial progress, as determined by the commissioner, in obtaining a National Board Certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards on September 1, 2025, may be designated as nationally board certified under Subsection (c) on issuance of the National Board Certification. A classroom teacher who begins the process of or who has not made substantial progress in obtaining a National Board Certification as of September 1, 2025, may not be designated as nationally board certified under Subsection (c).

(c-2) Subsections (c) and (c-1) and this subsection expire on September 1, 2028.

(3) In the recital to SECTION 7 of the bill, amending Section 48.112, Education Code (page 3, line 61), strike "Subsection (g-1)" and substitute "Subsections (d-1) and (g-1)".

(4) In SECTION 7 of the bill, immediately following amended Section 48.112(d), Education Code (page 4, between lines 18 and 19), insert the following:

(d-1) For each classroom teacher with a nationally board certified designation under Section 21.3521 employed by a school

district, the district is entitled to an allotment equal to \$3,000, increased by the high needs and rural factor amount determined for an acknowledged teacher under Subsection (d)(4), not to exceed \$9,000. This subsection expires September 1, 2028.

(5) In SECTION 9 of the bill (page 5, line 22), strike "Section 21.3521(c) and".