

Amend CSSB 2253 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 4 of the bill, strike added Section 21.0032(a-2), Education Code (page 2, lines 15 through 21), and substitute the following:

(a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) and Section 12A.004, a school district that has adopted a local innovation plan under Chapter 12A for the 2026-2027 school year that exempts the district from the applicable teacher certification requirements under Section Section 21.003 may employ as a teacher of record for a course other than a reading language arts or mathematics course in a grade level above grade five a person who does not hold an appropriate certificate or permit issued by the State Board for Education Certification under Subchapter B. This subsection expires September 1, 2027.

(2) In SECTION 12 of the bill, in added Section 21.402(f-4), Education Code (page 6, line 35), between "certification" and "for", insert "pathway".