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H.B. No. 4152

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to certification of an educator in Texas who is certified  
3 in another state or country.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.052, Education Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g) to  
7 read as follows:

8                   (a) The board shall [may] issue a certificate to an educator  
9 who applies for a certificate and:

10 (1) holds:

11 (A) a degree issued by an institution accredited  
12 by a regional accrediting agency or group that is recognized by a  
13 nationally recognized accreditation board; or

14 (B) a degree issued by an institution located in  
15 a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree described  
16 by Paragraph (A):

19 (3) performs satisfactorily on:

20 (A) the examination prescribed under Section  
21 21.048; or

22 (B) if the educator holds a certificate or other  
23 credential issued by another state or country, an examination  
24 similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph

1 (A) administered to the educator under the authority of that state;

2 and

3 (4) holds a certificate or other credential issued by  
4 another state or country to teach mathematics, science, special  
5 education, or bilingual education, or another subject area that the  
6 commissioner determines has a shortage of teachers.

7 (e) An educator who receives a certificate as provided by  
8 Subsection (a) must perform satisfactorily on the examination  
9 prescribed under Section 21.048 not later than the second  
10 anniversary of the date the certificate under Subsection (a) was  
11 issued.

12 (f) The board shall post on the board's Internet website the  
13 procedures for obtaining a certificate under Subsection (a).

14 (g) The commissioner shall provide guidance to school  
15 districts that employ an educator certified as provided by  
16 Subsection (a) on procedures to classify the educator as a highly  
17 qualified teacher in a manner consistent with the No Child Left  
18 Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq.).

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.