

1-1 By: Capriglione, Fallon (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 1300
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2015;
 1-3 May 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Seliger	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Burton	X			
1-11 Menéndez			X	
1-12 Perry	X			
1-13 Watson	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to eligibility requirements for admission of certain
 1-18 persons to educator preparation programs.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 21.0441(b), Education Code, is amended
 1-21 to read as follows:

1-22 (b) The board's rules must permit an educator preparation
 1-23 program to admit in extraordinary circumstances a person who fails
 1-24 to satisfy a grade point average requirement prescribed by
 1-25 Subsection (a)(1)(A) or (B), provided that:

1-26 (1) not more than 10 percent of the total number of
 1-27 persons admitted to the program in a year fail to satisfy the
 1-28 requirement under Subsection (a)(1)(A) or (B);

1-29 (2) each person admitted as described by this
 1-30 subsection performs, before admission, at a satisfactory level on
 1-31 an appropriate subject matter examination for each subject in which
 1-32 the person seeks certification; and

1-33 (3) ~~(2)~~ for each person admitted as described by
 1-34 this subsection, the director of the program determines and
 1-35 certifies, based on documentation provided by the person, that the
 1-36 person's work, business, or career experience demonstrates
 1-37 achievement comparable to the academic achievement represented by
 1-38 the grade point average requirement.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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