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H.B. No. 1497

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of school district teaching permits to persons who teach career and technology education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.055, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (e) and adding Subsections (d-1), (d-2), and (d-3) to read as follows:

(a) As provided by this section, a school district or school district board of trustees may issue a school district teaching permit and employ as a teacher a person who does not hold a teaching certificate issued by the board.

(b) To be eligible for a school district teaching permit under this section, a person must hold a baccalaureate degree. ~~[This subsection does not apply to a person who will teach only career and technology education.]~~

(d-1) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) do not apply to a person who will teach only courses in career and technology education. A school district board of trustees may issue a school district teaching permit to a person who will teach only courses in career and technology education if:

(1) the superintendent of the district certifies to the board of trustees that the person:

(A) is qualified to teach the subject matter, based on the person's demonstrated expertise obtained through

1 professional work experience, formal training and education, or a
2 combination of experience, training, and education;

3 (B) is capable of proper classroom management;
4 and

5 (C) has been the subject of a criminal history
6 record information review under Subchapter C, Chapter 22; and

7 (2) the person is required to:

8 (A) obtain at least 30 hours of classroom
9 management training, including courses that contain curriculum
10 regarding professional practices and responsibilities and the code
11 of ethics and standard practices for educators in this state that is
12 comparable to the curriculum regarding those topics that is
13 required to be included in educator preparation curriculum under
14 rules of the State Board for Educator Certification; and

15 (B) comply with continuing education
16 requirements as determined by the board of trustees.

17 (d-2) A person who receives a school district teaching
18 permit under Subsection (d-1) may teach the subject matter
19 described in the permit immediately on issuance of the permit.

20 (d-3) Promptly after employing a person under a school
21 district teaching permit under Subsection (d-1), the school
22 district board of trustees shall send to the commissioner a written
23 statement that identifies the person, specifies the course or
24 courses that the person will teach, and describes the person's
25 qualifications to teach the course or courses.

26 (e) A person authorized to teach under this section may not
27 teach in another school district unless that district or the board

1 of trustees for that district complies with this section. A school
2 district teaching permit remains valid unless the district or board
3 of trustees issuing the permit revokes it for cause.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
5 school year.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.