

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 159  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 27, 2015,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 March 30, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 30, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt			X	
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Garcia	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Rodríguez	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certification requirements for teachers in bilingual  
1-22 education.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 29.061, Education Code, is amended by  
1-25 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1) and  
1-26 (b-2) to read as follows:

1-27 (b) A teacher assigned to a bilingual education program  
1-28 using one of the following program models must be appropriately  
1-29 certified for bilingual education by the board:

1-30 (1) transitional bilingual/early exit program model;  
1-31 or

1-32 (2) transitional bilingual/late exit program model.

1-33 (b-1) A teacher assigned to a bilingual education program  
1-34 using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model  
1-35 must be appropriately certified by the board for:

1-36 (1) bilingual education for the component of the  
1-37 program provided in a language other than English; and

1-38 (2) bilingual education or English as a second  
1-39 language for the component of the program provided in English.

1-40 (b-2) A school district that provides a bilingual education  
1-41 program using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program  
1-42 model may assign a teacher certified under Subsection (b-1)(1) for  
1-43 the language other than English component of the program and a  
1-44 different teacher certified under Subsection (b-1)(2) for the  
1-45 English language component.

1-46 (c) A teacher assigned to an English as a second language  
1-47 ~~[or other special language]~~ program must be appropriately certified  
1-48 for English as a second language by the board.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
1-50 school year.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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