

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1309
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2015; March 18, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 23, 2015,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 23, 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 eligibility requirements for issuance of a teaching
 1-22 certificate to an applicant who holds a Junior Reserve Officer
 1-23 Training Corps instructor certification.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 21.052, Education Code,
 1-26 is amended to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 21.052. CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATORS FROM OUTSIDE
 1-28 JURISDICTION [~~THE STATE~~].

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 21.052, Education Code, is amended by
 1-30 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
 1-31 follows:

1-32 (a) The board may issue a certificate to an educator who
 1-33 applies for a certificate and:

1-34 (1) holds~~+~~
 1-35 [~~(A)~~] a degree issued by:
 1-36 (A) an institution accredited by a regional
 1-37 accrediting agency or group that is recognized by a nationally
 1-38 recognized accreditation board; or

1-39 (B) [~~a degree issued by~~] an institution located
 1-40 in a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree
 1-41 described by Paragraph (A);

1-42 (2) holds:
 1-43 (A) an appropriate certificate or other
 1-44 credential issued by another state or country; or

1-45 (B) a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps
 1-46 instructor teaching certification issued by the United States
 1-47 Department of Defense, United States Army, United States Navy,
 1-48 United States Air Force, or United States Marine Corps; and

1-49 (3) performs satisfactorily on:
 1-50 (A) the examination prescribed under Section
 1-51 21.048; or

1-52 (B) if the educator holds a certificate or other
 1-53 credential issued by another state or country, an examination
 1-54 similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph
 1-55 (A) administered to the educator under the authority of that state.

1-56 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(1), the board may not
 1-57 impose on an applicant who holds a teaching certification described
 1-58 by Subsection (a)(2)(B) requirements described by Section 21.050 in
 1-59 connection with the degree requirement.

1-60 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-61 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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