

AN ACT

relating to the certification and employment of educational diagnosticians.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B.

SECTION 2. Section 21.401, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a contract between a school district and an educational diagnostician.

SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2008, the State Board for Educator Certification shall propose rules governing the certification of educational diagnosticians.

SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 21.003, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a person who begins employment with a school district as an educational diagnostician on or after September 1, 2008. A person employed by a school district as an educational diagnostician before September 1, 2008, may continue employment with the school district without obtaining

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1 a certificate or permit as an educational diagnostician as required
2 by Subsection (a), Section 21.003, Education Code, as amended by
3 this Act, so long as the person is employed by that district.

4 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007. _____

John Carmon

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 158 passed the Senate on
March 26, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0. _____

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 158 passed the House on
May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present
not voting. _____

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

14 MAY '07

Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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