

CHAPTER 836

H.B. No. 1217

AN ACT

relating to the certification of teachers from other states.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 13, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 13.036 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.036. CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS FROM OTHER STATES. (a) The State Board of Education shall issue a teaching certificate of an appropriate class to a person who:

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(1) holds a degree from an institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency or group that is recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation; and

(2) has been issued a certificate by another state that recognizes or issues certificates on a reciprocal basis with Texas and the other state's certificate is valid or is invalid solely because it has expired; and

(3) performs satisfactorily on the examination prescribed by the board under Section 13.032(e) of this code as a condition to certification.

(b) The State Board of Education shall provide persons applying for certification under this section with reasonable opportunity to take the examination required for certification, and may fix and require payment of a fee as a condition to taking the examination. The fee must be reasonable and designed to cover the administrative costs of administering the examination.

(c) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules that provide an equal opportunity for certification for persons who are entitled to certification under this section. The rules may not provide for a special or restricted certification of persons certified under this section.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 18, 1987.

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