

CHAPTER 32

S.B. No. 335

AN ACT

relating to testing public school teachers or administrators.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 13.047, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board shall prescribe an examination designed to test ~~[knowledge appropriate to teach primary grades and an examination designed to test knowledge appropriate to teach secondary grades. The secondary teacher examinations must test the knowledge of each examinee in the subject areas listed in Section 21.101 of this code in which the examinee is certified to teach and is teaching. If a teacher is not tested in an area of certification, the teacher must take the examination for that area within three years after beginning to teach that subject. The administrator examinations must test administrative skills, knowledge in subject areas, and other matters that the board considers appropriate. The examinations must also test]~~ the ability of the examinee to read and write with sufficient skill and understanding to perform satisfactorily as a professional teacher or administrator.

SECTION 2. Subsections (c), (d), and (e), Section 13.047, Education Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. 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 the Senate on February 24, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Passed the House on April 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved April 25, 1987.

Effective April 25, 1987.