

## ATTACHMENT I

### Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 233, Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

#### **Texas Education Code, §21.003, Certification Required (excerpt):**

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

#### **Texas Education Code, §21.031, Purpose:**

- (a) The State Board for Educator Certification is established to recognize public school educators as professionals and to grant educators the authority to govern the standards of their profession. The board shall regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.
- (b) In proposing rules under this subchapter, the board shall ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.

#### **Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpt):**

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
  - (1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent with this subchapter;
  - (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
  - (3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;
  - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;
  - (6) provide for special or restricted certification of educators, including certification of instructors of American Sign Language;

#### **Texas Education Code, §21.044, Educator Preparation (excerpts):**

- (e) In proposing rules under this section for a person to obtain a certificate to teach a health science technology education course, the board shall specify that a person must have:
  - (1) an associate degree or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
  - (2) current licensure, certification, or registration as a health professions practitioner issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency for health professionals; and
  - (3) at least two years of wage earning experience utilizing the licensure requirement.
- (f) The board may not propose rules for a certificate to teach a health science technology education course that specify that a person must have a bachelor's degree or that establish any other credential or teaching experience requirements that exceed the requirements under Subsection (e).

**Texas Education Code, §21.0442, Educator Preparation Program for Probationary and Standard Trade and Industrial Workforce Training Certificates, as added by House Bill (HB) 3349, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:**

- (a) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter to create an abbreviated educator preparation program for a person seeking certification in trade and industrial workforce training.
- (b) A person is eligible for admission to an educator preparation program created under this section only if the person:
  - (1) has been issued a high school diploma or a postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree;
  - (2) has seven years of full-time wage-earning experience within the preceding 10 years in an approved occupation for which instruction is offered;
  - (3) holds with respect to that occupation a current license, certificate, or registration, as applicable, issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement; and
  - (4) within the period described by Subdivision (2), has not been the subject of a complaint filed with a licensing entity or other agency that regulates the occupation of the person, other than a complaint that was determined baseless or unfounded by that entity or agency.
- (c) In proposing rules for an educator preparation program under this section, the board shall ensure that the program requires at least 80 hours of classroom instruction in:
  - (1) a specific pedagogy;
  - (2) creating lesson plans;
  - (3) creating student assessment instruments;
  - (4) classroom management; and
  - (5) relevant federal and state education laws.

**Texas Education Code, §21.048, Certification Examinations (excerpt):**

- (a) The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board. The commissioner shall determine the satisfactory level of performance required for each certification examination. For the issuance of a generalist certificate, the commissioner shall require a satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject covered by the examination.

**Texas Education Code, §21.0489, Early Childhood Certification, as added by Senate Bill 1839 and HB 2039, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (excerpt):**

- (c) To be eligible for a certificate established under this section, a person must:
  - (1) either:
    - (A) satisfactorily complete the course work for that certificate in an educator preparation program, including a knowledge-based and skills-based course of instruction on early childhood education that includes:
      - (i) teaching methods for:
        - (a) using small group instructional formats that focus on building social, emotional, and academic skills;

- (b) navigating multiple content areas; and
- (c) managing a classroom environment in which small groups of students are working on different tasks; and
- (ii) strategies for teaching fundamental academic skills, including reading, writing, and numeracy; or
- (B) hold an early childhood through grade six certificate issued under this subchapter and satisfactorily complete a course of instruction described by Paragraph (A);
- (2) perform satisfactorily on an early childhood certificate examination prescribed by the board; and
- (3) satisfy any other requirements prescribed by the board.

**Texas Education Code, §21.0491, Probationary and Standard Trade and Industrial Workforce Training Certificates, as added by HB 3349, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:**

- (a) To provide a continuing additional source of teachers to provide workforce training, the board shall establish a probationary trade and industrial workforce training certificate and a standard trade and industrial workforce training certificate that may be obtained through an abbreviated educator preparation program under Section 21.0442.
- (b) To be eligible for a probationary certificate under this section, a person must:
  - (1) satisfactorily complete the course work for that certificate in an educator preparation program under Section 21.0442; and
  - (2) satisfy any other requirements prescribed by the board.
- (c) To be eligible for a standard certificate under this section, a person must:
  - (1) hold a probationary certificate issued under this section;
  - (2) be employed by:
    - (A) a public or private primary or secondary school; or
    - (B) an institution of higher education or an independent or private institution of higher education as those terms are defined by Section 61.003; and
  - (3) perform satisfactorily on a standard trade and industrial workforce training certificate examination prescribed by the board.
- (d) The limitation imposed by Section 21.048(a-1) on the number of administrations of an examination does not apply to the administration of the standard trade and industrial workforce training certificate examination prescribed by the board.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may administer the standard trade and industrial workforce training certificate examination to a person who satisfies the requirements of Subsections (c)(1) and (2).
- (f) The board shall propose rules to:
  - (1) specify the term of a probationary certificate and a standard certificate issued under this section; and
  - (2) establish the requirements for renewal of a standard certificate.

