

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorization for school districts to provide mentors
3 for teachers assigned to a new subject or grade level.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.458, Education Code,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Each school district may assign a mentor teacher to each
8 classroom teacher who has less than two years of teaching
9 experience in the subject or grade level to which the teacher is
10 assigned. A teacher assigned as a mentor must:

11 (1) to the extent practicable, teach in the same
12 school;

13 (2) to the extent practicable, teach the same subject
14 or grade level, as applicable; and

15 (3) meet the qualifications prescribed by
16 commissioner rules adopted under Subsection (b).

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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S.B. No. 1290

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Jim Strawn
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1290 passed the Senate on April 6, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1290 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 JUN '09

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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